



Aftercare

WHAT TO EXPECT • It will take approximately **6 WEEKS** for your new tattoo to heal completely. Please take care of your skin well during this time. You may experience flaking of your skin, and it may become itchy, but if you follow some basic skin care, you should have a well healed and beautiful tattoo for years to come!

SECOND SKIN/TAGADERM • We do have Tagaderm available for healing, if you choose. It's recommended to leave it on for a minimum of 24 hours. If it's comfortable and not peeling off, you can leave it on for up to 7 days.

There may be some plasma buildup under the second skin during the first 24 hours. It can become quite goopy, but that's ok! The plasma contains white blood cells that are helping to heal your tattoo.

REMOVAL: Run the Tagaderm under warm water (in the shower works), then gently loosen the edges and gradually peel it back over itself. Don't pull it straight up, take your time, it's not a bandaid! Occasionally the Tagaderm will leave some residue on your skin. Do not scrub your tattoo, just follow the regular aftercare instructions. The adhesive will come off over the next few washes and won't cause any harm in the meantime, so don't worry about it. Coconut oil may help remove it, but ultimately don't scrape, scrub or pick at it. Wash and moisturize regularly.

CAUTION: Some people can have a reaction to the adhesives in Tagaderm. If you have sensitive skin, or know you are sensitive to adhesives, then Tagaderm is not for you.

WASH • Gently wash the tattoo with your fingertips using a mild, unscented soap and warm water. Pat dry with a clean towel.

Do not scrub the tattoo with a washcloth or anything abrasive during the first two weeks.

MOISTURIZE • If your tattoo is feeling dry, stiff, or itchy, you can use a little Webber Vitamin E ointment or an unscented lotion, **not Polysporin**. A little goes a long way.

AVOID SOAKING • You want to keep your tattoo clean, however, long showers or baths must be avoided for 2 weeks. Prolonged soaking can and will loosen scabs if any have formed, or will soak through the soft tissue turning it into a soggy mess. Avoid Baths, Swimming, Hot Tubs, and Saunas. Short showers are best.

NO TOUCHY • Once clean and dry and lightly moisturized, leave your tattoo alone. Hands can carry bacteria and you don't want that getting into your tattoo. Please refrain from scratching or picking at the tattoo. Disrupting the tattoo while it's healing could cause scar tissue. It is normal for the tattoo to become very itchy during the healing time. Just remember not to pick or scratch at it no matter what! A gentle slap (with a clean hand) can help ease itching.

NO SUN • Remember, the Sun is BAD for your tattoo. A sunburn on a new tattoo can cause a lot of problems. It will dry out your tattoo and could cause it to form a horrendous scab resulting in fading before it is even healed. It will also take much longer to heal completely and promotes scarring in a new tattoo. Wait until it is fully healed to go back in the sun or a tanning bed and protect your healed tattoo with a high quality sunblock. Never put sunblock on a tattoo that is still healing. Just keep it out of the sun.

BASIC SELF-CARE • As with any healing, it's a good idea to practice some loving self-care. Drink water, eat some fruit and vegetables, breathe, relax, go for a walk, whatever you do to take care of yourself.

COMPLICATIONS • By following these instructions your tattoo should heal well and look beautiful for years to come! However, everyone heals differently and occasionally complications can arise. Please reach out to us if you have any concerns.

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