

## After Care Instructions

1. Wash your hands (Always wash hands before touching a healing tattoo)
2. Remove bandage after 1-2 hours
3. Wash your tattoo with running hot water, mild liquid anti-bacterial soap (**Gold Liquid Dial, Clear Soft Soap**), and a bare hand.
4. Rinse your tattoo using running cool water, until the area is free of any residue. Repeat step 3 if necessary.
5. Pat your tattoo dry using clean paper towels.
6. Apply a very small amount of **Aquaphor Healing Ointment**. Be sure to thoroughly rub the ointment into the skin until it is absorbed. Blot excess with a clean paper towel if necessary.
7. Repeat steps 1-6 (excluding step 2) for 2 to 3 days. When the tattoo begins to show signs of dryness and itching use an **unscented lotion** (Cetaphil, Aveeno, Eucerin) INSTEAD OF Aquaphor.
8. Repeat this process for 2 to 3 weeks or until your tattoo is healed.
9. After your tattoo is healed use a high SPF sunblock to prevent fading.

### DO NOT:

- Re-bandage your tattoo unless otherwise instructed by your artist. Tattoos must be able to breathe to heal.
- Use soaps or moisturizers containing any dyes or fragrances.
- Use bar soap
- Wear clothing that rubs or irritates the tattoo while it is healing.
- Expose your tattoo to dirt, grease, chemicals, and sweat.
  - Submerge or soak your tattoo under water until it is fully healed. (no swimming pool, hot tub, bath tub, ocean, etc.)
- Tan or expose your tattoo to direct sunlight until it is fully healed.
- Pick, peel, or scratch your new tattoo.
- Apply too much **Aquaphor**. This can suffocate your tattoo and clog your pores causing complications with the healing process.
- Use rubbing alcohol or hydrogen peroxide on a new tattoo

While your tattoo is healing it should feel like a sunburn. You are advised to contact a physician at the first signs of an adverse reaction, infection, and allergic reaction. Tattoos are permanent and can only be removed with a laser procedure.

We guarantee all of work and offer any necessary touch-ups at no additional cost.