

# AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS - SINGLE NIGHT BANDAGE

## Leave your bandage on until the morning.

Remove bandage (do not re-bandage), wash your tattoo as thoroughly as you can, using only your clean hands (no wash cloths), liquid antibacterial unscented soap (Dial Gold LIQUID recommended - no foaming soap), and warm water (keeping in mind there are platelets, ointment, and blood trapped in the pores that need to be removed to prevent scabbing).

Rinse your tattoo and pat dry with a paper towel (no bath towels) or air dry. Continue to wash your tattoo about three times per day for the first few days, until it starts to dry out and become flakey like a sunburn. When this happens reduce washing to just rinsing it off at the end of your shower and use unscented lotion when necessary to avoid any cracking. Do not scrub off flaking skin, let it come off when and where it will.

- **Do Not pick at scabs or flaking skin.**
- **Do Not scratch your tattoo no matter how severe the itching.**
- **Do Not submerge your tattoo in any body of water (bathtub, lake, ocean, pool, jacuzzi, sink, trough, etc.)**
- **Do Not shave the area until the tattoo is completely healed.**
- **Do Not use sunless tanning products.**

Avoid anything that will irritate your healing tattoo such as clothing, direct sunlight, anything containing fragrances, make up, or contact with pets and pet hair.

## ABSOUTELY NO TANNING

Make sure to follow these instructions until the tattoo is completely healed, which usually takes about four weeks.

Once healed, always use a good sunblock to prevent premature aging.

It is normal for your skin to be red, irritated, and even swollen for a few days. However, if you experience redness or swelling for a prolonged period, green or yellow discharge, or excessive heat radiating from the tattoo you should contact a physician immediately, as these may be signs of infection. Any of these recommendations that are not followed could drastically affect the healed appearance of your tattoo. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call or email. We will gladly respond. We want your tattoo to look its best just as much as you!



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