

TATTOO AFTERCARE

Initial Care (first 2–6 hours)

- Keep the protective bandage on for 2–6 hours to protect from dirt and bacteria.
- Do not touch the area until you remove the bandage as to reduce risk of infection.

Cleaning

- Wash hands thoroughly before touching the tattoo.
- Gently wash with mild, **unscented** liquid soap and lukewarm water using your hands.
- Pat dry with a clean paper towel or air dry. Do not rub.

Moisturizing

- *First 3–5 days:* apply a thin layer of recommended healing ointment ([Webber](#)). Do not use petroleum jelly (Vaseline).
- *After 3–5 days:* switch to a fragrance-free lotion (e.g., Eucerin, CeraVe, [Lubriderm](#)) 2–3 times daily.
- Moisturize every 8–12 hours or when the tattoo feels dry/tight. Continue until fully healed.

Clothing & Activity

- Wear loose, breathable clothing over the tattoo. Preferably cotton.
- Avoid tight clothing and activities that cause excessive friction or sweating on the area.

Monitor

- Watch for signs of infection: increasing redness, swelling, blisters, severe pain, or discharge.
- If you notice these, please notify your artist and contact a healthcare professional.

Healing Time

- Follow these instructions for at least 2 weeks; full healing can take 4–6 weeks.

To minimize fading, avoid tanning beds and protect the area with SPF50+