

## TATTOO AFTERCARE

Remove the bandage after 1 hour. All wounds need to breathe if they are to heal properly.

Wash the tattoo using your fingertips or hand only, using a mild antibacterial soap and warm water. Take care to remove all traces of blood as this will cause scabbing.

Pat dry with a clean towel. Do not rub.

Apply a thin coat of Bepanthen or an aftercare product, just enough to make it shine, a little goes a long way. Work it in well and dab the excess with a paper towel.

Apply ointment twice a day for two to three weeks. Do not use lotions that contain color or fragrance until the healing is complete.

After a few days, you will notice some peeling and possibly a little scabbing. Try not to scratch it. Instead, apply warm moist compresses to the scabs for about 5 minutes 2-3 times a day to soften them and they will eventually come off on their own leaving the fresh ink behind. Do not apply ointment or lotion to a softened scab - wait for it to dry

After two to three weeks the tattoo should look like it's healed, though it will take the full 45 days for the skin to completely regenerate itself.

Avoid sunbeds and direct sunlight because this can fade your tattoo, particularly when it's new. Using a minimum 30SPF sunblock to keep your tattoo vibrant for many years.

Avoid swimming pools and baths for 2-3 weeks after getting a new tattoo. It is ok to shower, but saturating your tattoo should be avoided.