

## CARING FOR YOUR NEW TATTOO

1. After 3 to 4 hours remove bandage and gently wash your new tattoo with soap and warm water and pat dry. DO NOT re-bandage your new tattoo.
2. Apply a small amount of lotion such as Curel (Green Cap). Repeat this a few times a day for the next week to 10 days.
3. After 2 or 3 days a light scab will appear on your new tattoo, this is normal and you should not try to remove this. Scratching or picking at this will only delay healing and cause loss of color and possibly infection.
4. Avoid swimming, soaking in bathtub, and direct water from shower on your new tattoo. If your tattoo becomes wet, pat gently with clean towel.
5. It may be necessary to wear appropriate clothing to cover your new tattoo depending on the type of work you do, to protect your new tattoo from grease, oil, dirt etc.
6. Make sure that any clothing that touches your new tattoo is clean and soft. Be sure that any clothing that covers your new tattoo is not rubbing on it, such as belts, bras, boots, socks etc.
7. Make sure to keep your new tattoo out of the sun. A short exposure to the sun while healing can result in a severely burned and possibly ruined tattoo. After healing is complete make sure to always use a sun block on your tattoo to keep the colors bright.

By following these simple rules your new tattoo should heal on average 7 to 10 days. Taking care of your tattoo during the healing process is essential to the way it will look when completely healed. Please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns on the healing of your new tattoo.

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