

Taking Care of Your New Tattoo

- **ALL PRODUCTS AND INSTRUMENTS USED DURING THE PROCESS OF YOUR TATTOO WERE NEW AND STERILIZED, THEREFORE IT IS UP TO YOU NOW TO ENSURE THE TATTOO HEALS PROPERLY AND WITHOUT INFECTION. FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS PRECISELY IF YOU WANT TO HAVE A NICE BRIGHT, SCAR FREE TATTOO!!**
- When you arrive home remove any bandage that may have been applied to the tattoo. Clean the Tattoo with cold or warm soapy water. Make sure and remove any blood that appears on the tattoo. Blot dry. Repeat this process every hour until the bleeding completely subsides, (complete clotting may take several hours.)
- The next morning ensure the tattooed area looks clean from any blood filth or lint, if not, clean lightly with soap and water, and blot dry. If you need to cover with bandage, make sure it allows for air to reach tattoo.
- Keep Tattoo **completely out of sun** and man made light. Inks may have phototoxic reactions from exposure to UV light (an allergic reaction). Covering from light is required for about 2 weeks, for best results use clean loose clothing to cover the tattoo. Exposure to UV light will cause scarring and ink rejection!
- For first week avoid swimming or prolonged soaking in water. No Baths, hot tubs, lakes, etc...
- The tattoo will naturally become dry and lightly scabbed. **DO NOT PICK OR SCRATCH!** If itching or dryness is uncomfortable, apply a small pea size amount of ointment or lotion to tattooed area, blotting off all excess. Some recommended ointments are: **Aquafore, Bacitracin, A&D, Tattoo Goo, alcohol, Bag Balm and Lubriderm**. Please avoid perfumed products. *NOTE: Some people have allergic reactions to certain ointments, if you break out with a rash or hives after applying ointment, discontinue immediately!*
- **HINT:** To keep colors from fading, after it heals apply high SPF sun-block whenever exposed to sunlight.

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