



TATTOO AFTERCARE

Leave your bandage on for at least 3 hours, and then take it off in the shower where you can take your time washing your tattoo (not in a gas station restroom or in the car). Do NOT re-bandage the tattoo... once the bandage is off, leave it off. Carefully remove your bandage and allow warm water to flow over your tattoo. Use a liquid hand soap (not bar soap) that has no dyes or perfumes like Dove, Dial, Ivory, Leaver 2000, Neutrogena, etc. Wash the tattoo gently, yet thoroughly. You may need to wash, rinse and repeat a few times. Do the final rinse with cool water to close the pores.

Gently pat dry with a clean dry towel (not one that has been hanging in the shower for days). Allow the tattoo to breathe by not putting anything on it right away. Wait to use moisturizer until it feels that it needs it. Your tattoo will let you know when it's "thirsty", when it feels a little tight and dry. Use a fragrance-free, dye-free hand lotion (be sure to read the ingredients) on your tattoo for the next two weeks, about 2-4 times a day or as needed. Use a small amount of lotion, not oversaturating the skin.

Be sure to wash your hands before each lotion application, or else you could introduce bacteria from everyday objects you have encountered into your new tattoo. Be sure not to sleep in the same bed as your pets while your tattoo is healing, and change your sheets. Also be conscious of clothing pressing or rubbing against your new tattoo IE: socks, bras, waistbands, etc. as clothing can compromise your healing.

During the next two weeks while your new badass tattoo is healing, keep it out of direct sunlight and no long soaking in any bodies of water. Don't pick or scratch your tattoo no matter how bad it itches. While healing, you can shower/bathe once a day, but DON'T GET IT ANY MORE THAN A **SPLASH** WET. Don't try to be clever and wrap your tattoo with saran wrap or a baggie... it doesn't work and is unnecessary.

Use common sense, don't glob on the lotion, and don't use a weird product someone gave you even if it has the words "TATTOO" on it. **Use only the product your particular artist recommends.** Your artist will not touch up or repair a tattoo you neglected to care for properly. On a side note, sunscreen is NOT lotion.

TOUCH UPS

If you should need any touch ups on your tattoo, please be sure to contact your artist within **3 months**, otherwise **YOU** will **have to pay** for your touch up. Touch ups are offered as a courtesy on **NEW** tattoos, not for the life of the tattoo. Sorry, but hands, fingers, face and feet tattoos do NOT qualify for complimentary touch ups.

Enjoy your new tattoo, and as always, it was an honor and a privilege to tattoo you. Thank you for choosing Black Raven Tattoo to do your body art.

Any questions? Please contact your artist: _____

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