

A GUIDE
TO HEALED
TATTOOS

TAT TOO AFTERCARE

Leave the bandage on for 2-4 days. During this period, you may notice some ink and plasma build up under your bandage - this is normal. + To remove the bandage, gently peel it off under running warm water. (I recommend taking it off in the shower). After washing your hands, clean your tattoo with warm water and antibacterial soap. Next, dry the tattoo with a paper towel. + Once the tattoo is dry, use an unscented healing ointment (Aquaphor is great) on the area sparingly. Anytime the tattoo gets dry or itchy during the healing process, moisturize it. + Continue washing and moisturizing the tattoo regularly but gently. + Besides washing it in the shower, avoid soaking the tattoo in bodies of water (baths, hot tubs, pools etc.) during the first 4–6 weeks. Cover the tattoo with clothing or a bandage whenever it might be exposed to the sun within the first few months. Wash your sheets and keep pets away from your new tattoo.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF INFECTION INDICATING THE NEED TO SEEK MEDICAL CARE. REDNESS, SWELLING, TENDERNESS OF THE PROCEDURE SITE, RED STREAKS GOING FROM THE PROCEDURE SITE TOWARDS THE HEART, ELEVATED BODY TEMPERATURE, OR PURULENT DRAINAGE FROM THE PROCEDURE SITE.