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TATTOO AFTERCARE

Thanks for coming into Colorfast Studios and getting a tattoo! For your convenience, we're providing a copy of your aftercare instructions below. Please follow them to ensure your new tattoo heals safely.

HEALING YOUR TATTOO USING TEGADERM (PREFERRED METHOD)

FIRST DAY (Day of Tattoo)

One to two hours after your tattoo session, remove the plastic (Saran Wrap) bandage that was applied for you at our shop and wash your tattoo with warm water and mild soap (Dial Gold Antibacterial soap). After washing the tattoo, pat it dry with a clean towel, or paper towel. Next, apply a thin layer of Aquaphor to your tattoo and reapply a new plastic cellophane bandage. Keep this bandage on until the following morning.

DAYS 2-8

Wake up and remove plastic bandage and wash your tattoo again. Open alcohol prep pad and wipe the skin around the perimeter of the tattoo to remove any oils, residues or moisture remaining on the skin around the tattoo. Apply a sheet of Tegaderm adhesive bandage over your tattoo, being careful to use a piece big enough to cover at least one inch beyond the tattoo. For detailed instructions on how to use Tegaderm, follow the manufacturer's instructions on the back of this card. If necessary, use more than one piece of Tegaderm keeping in mind to overlap the edges of each sheet. The clean skin around the tattoo is where the new Tegaderm bandage will best adhere. Leave Tegaderm on for 3 to 5 days. Remove Tegaderm by peeling back the edges and pulling the sheet back over itself in the direction of hair growth. If there is still a strong adhesion, try removing the bandage in a warm shower. You can also rub olive oil, or coconut oil around the edges to loosen the adhesion.

FOLLOW UP CARE (1-2 Weeks)

After removing the Tegaderm, gently wash the tattoo with warm water and soap. The tattoo should remain unbandaged for the remainder of the healing phase. Apply a thin layer of unscented hand lotion to the tattoo twice daily. Rub the lotion into the skin. Do not over apply the lotion. Healing time varies depending upon the individual. Average healing time is one to two weeks. Some people may experience longer healing time. Also, some colors have a tendency to take longer to heal than others. The color red, for example, often heals much slower than other colors and has a tendency to appear pink at first. Red usually takes a few days longer to darken to the proper tone of red. It is important to think of your tattoo as an open wound. Keep it clean and avoid touching it when you are not caring for it. Do not pick, scratch, or itch your tattoo. Do not soak your tattoo (no swimming). Only wet your tattoo when you are washing it and immediately pat it dry afterwards. Avoid exposing your tattoo to the sun until it is healed. Following these instructions will guarantee your tattoo heals to its fullest potential.

Note: These aftercare instructions are general guidelines on how to take care of your new tattoo. The products we suggest are hypoallergenic and allergic reactions are very rare. However, some people have very sensitive skin and may have an adverse reaction. If you develop any form of allergic reaction, rash or skin irritation, please discontinue the use of these products and wash with mild soap. Consult a physician if necessary.

TRADITIONAL TATTOO AFTERCARE (WITHOUT TEGADERM)

INITIAL CARE (First 24 Hours)

Once the tattoo is finished, it will be bandaged with plastic cellophane (Saran Wrap). Cellophane provides a clean barrier, which seals and protects your fresh tattoo. Leave the tattoo bandaged for at least one to two hours. Remove the bandage and wash your tattoo with warm water and mild soap (Dial Antibacterial soap). After washing the tattoo, apply a very thin layer of Bacitracine or Aquaphor to the tattoo and reapply a new plastic cellophane bandage. Change the bandage as often as is needed within the first 24 hours. Sealing the tattoo under airtight plastic helps minimize and sometimes prevent the tattoo from forming a thick, heavy scab. A tattoo that heals with a thick scab generally is more likely to heal with areas of color missing. These areas of missing color are referred to as "Holidays". Tattoos bandaged with cellophane for 24 hours, heal much faster than tattoos that are left unbandaged and are less likely to heal with holidays.

FOLLOW UP CARE (1-2 Weeks)

After the first 24 hours, remove the final bandage and wash the tattoo one last time. Do not bandage the tattoo again. The tattoo should remain unbandaged for the remainder of the healing phase. Apply a thin layer of unscented hand lotion (Lubriderm) to the tattoo twice daily. Rub the lotion into the skin. Do not over apply the lotion. Your tattoo should have just enough lotion on it to give it a slight shine.

In some cases, people have developed rashes around the tattoo area from the use of Lubriderm, although this is not common. If a rash does develop around the tattoo, simply discontinue the use of the hand lotion.

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MAINTENANCE

Continue to care for your tattoo after it is healed to guarantee its longevity. The sun is the number one detrimental factor to the appearance of your tattoo. Prolonged exposure to the sun (tanning) will drastically fade the brilliance of a tattoo. Use sun block whenever you plan on spending time in the sun. The vibrancy of your tattoo will inevitably diminish with time. However, following these instructions should keep your tattoo bright and colorful for many years.



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