

# TRADITIONAL AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS

## Twice a day for the first 3-5 days:

Remove your bandage when you get home, or within a few hours. Wash your hands, then wash your tattoo with a mild liquid soap. Rinse thoroughly. Pat dry with a clean paper towel. Allow your tattoo to air dry until it is completely dry (about 10-20 minutes). When dry, apply a very small amount of healing ointment designed for tattoos such as Redemption, Hustle Butter or Bacitracin. Rub in completely. Dab off any excess moisture/seepage with a paper towel.

## Days 5-14 or once you start to peel:

Wash your tattoo once a day with clean hands. If you are using Bacitracin, switch to a small amount of fragrance/dye free lotion, such as Lubriderm, to moisturize your tattoo several times a day. If you are using a tattoo care product like Redemption or Hustle Butter, continue to use them to moisturize as needed. Keep the tattoo as close to regular skin consistency as possible. Always wash your hands before applying ointment or lotion!

**DO NOT** pick, scratch, or peel any skin or scabs! You will compromise your ink by doing so. They will come off when ready, often while washing/moisturizing.

**DO NOT** soak your tattoo. That includes pools, ocean, baths, hot tub, saunas etc. Regular showers are okay, but keep them short until your tattoo is healed.

**BE AWARE!** During healing you have an open abrasion on your skin. Contact with any surface, hands or animals may introduce potentially infectious bacteria to the area.

**NO** direct sunlight until completely healed. Once healed apply sun block daily, especially during times of direct sun exposure.

**NOTE** that during the first few days of healing the tattoo may seep ink, blood or lymph which may stain clothing, sheets or other fabrics.

**REMEMBER** there are no dumb questions! Contact us with anything.

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