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TATTOO AFTERCARE

Caring for a new tattoo is a relatively easy process, but also extremely important to ensure a quick and easy heal. Below is a breakdown on the aftercare process, and the regiment that we recommend.

STEP 1. UNCOVERING & CLEANING

New tattoos should be kept covered for roughly 1- 2 hours. Before removing the cover, hands should be washed thoroughly with warm soapy water (Dial Antibacterial). Proceed to carefully unwrap, and wash both the tattoo and surrounding area to remove any excess ink, blood, or plasma. Typically, best not to use a washcloth for this process, but instead use your hand to gently massage, and clean the area as needed.

STEP 2. DRYING & APPLYING OINTMENT

Let your tattoo air dry for 1-2 minutes before applying a thin coat of the recommended ointment or moisturizer (Hustle butter, Aquaphor, A and D). You may rewrap the tattoo afterwards, however it's not normally necessary unless you are going to be exposed to a dirty environment such as a greasy kitchen, construction site, or similar circumstance.

STEP 3. REPEAT STEPS ONE & TWO

In general, tattoos should be cleaned and an ointment (light skim coat) applied three times per day. Some tattoos may scab more than others depending on the individual, and the area in which has been tattooed. Scabs should never be picked, and your artist will inform you if a rougher heal is anticipated as the aftercare may vary accordingly. Most tattoos are fully healed within about 2-3 weeks.

During this period, you should avoid the following:

NEVER swim in a chlorine pool, soak in a bath or hot tub!

NEVER expose to sun, or tanning booths!

NEVER shave over tattoo!

NEVER touch the tattoo before washing hands.

An allergic reaction to ointment looks like small pimples on or around the tattoo. In the case that this occurs, discontinue the ointment, immediately wash the skin, let it dry out for a few hours, and switch to an all-natural vitamin E oil.

All tattoos fade a bit. The brightness of your tattoo depends on the coloration, thickness, and uniformity of the skin. Fair skin will have brighter colors, darker skin less vibrant colors.

Touchups are done at no charge, as long as you let us know you will need one within the first 30 days following your visit. If you request a touchup after the 30 days, you will be required to pay the shop a minimum, or a fee agreeable to the artist.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

If you suspect a piercing is infected, you should immediately contact a physician, or medical facility.

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