

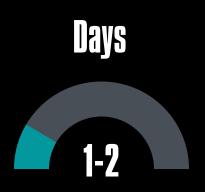
yourself vulnerable to scarring and infections. Caring for your tattoo can prevent those complications and ensure that the tattoo heals properly. Aftercare starts as soon as your tattoo is done.

After a few hours, you can remove the covering. Wash your hands with water and soap. Then gently wash the tattoo with warm water and fragrance-free soap. Pat your skin dry with a soft cloth. Apply a small amount of fragrance-free and alcohol-free moisturizer to the tattoo.

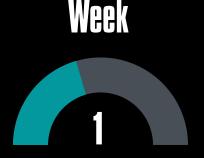
Generally speaking, keep the covering off at this point to let your skin breathe.

Keep Your tattoo out of and away from:

- Pet Dander (any sheets, blankets or couches)
- Pets
- Excessive Sun
- Pools, Lakes, Ocean, Lakes, Rivers, Hot Tubs

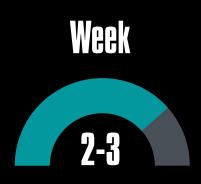


You'll come home with a bandage or plastic wrap over your tattoo. After a few hours, you can remove it. Once the covering comes off, you'll probably notice fluid oozing from the tattoo. This is blood, plasma (the clear part of blood), and some extra ink. It's normal. Your skin will also be red and sore. It might feel slightly warm to the touch. With clean hands, wash the tattoo with warm water and a fragrance-free soap. Apply a fragrance-free and alcohol-free moisturizer. Leave the covering off so the tattoo can heal.



By now, your tattoo will have a duller, cloudier appearance. This happens as your skin heals. Scabs will start to form. When you wash, you might notice some ink running into the sink. This is just excess ink that's come up through your skin. The redness should start to fade. You'll probably notice some light scabbing over the tattoo. The scabs shouldn't be as thick as the scabs you get when you cut yourself, but they'll be raised. Don't pick at the scabs — this can cause scarring.

Keep washing your tattoo once or twice a day. Apply a fragrance-free and alcohol-free moisturizer.



The scabs have hardened and will begin to flake off. Don't pick at them or try to pull them off. Let them come off naturally. Otherwise, you could pull out the ink and leave scars.

At this point, your skin may feel very itchy. Gently rub on a fragrance-free and alcoholfree moisturizer several times a day to relieve the itch.