



Lucky Gal Suggested Aftercare for Tattoos

First and foremost, thank you!! Your continued support of local artists is what keeps us going. We want you to be happy with your tattoo so please if you have a problem or concern come talk to us. We don't bite. We make our living on your hard-earned dollars. We want you happy!! Happy customers mean repeat business and your friends are potential new clients. If you like what we did please spread the good word. We are a sensitive bunch and love our egos stroked so please promote us any way you can!! Again, Thank you from all of us at Lucky Gal Tattoo and Piercing.

Sincerely, Your Lucky Gal Family

What to expect:

Day 1:

You'll come home from the tattoo studio with a dressing over your tattoo. Leave the tattoo bandaged for a minimum of 1 hour. You may notice fluid oozing from the tattoo. This is blood, plasma, and some extra ink. Your skin will also be red and sore and may be warm to the touch. When it's time to remove the dressing, wash your hands thoroughly before gently peeling back the wrap. Use warm water and fragrance-free, antibacterial soap to cleanse the area. Rinse well before lightly patting the skin dry. Allow the tattoo to air dry for about 1 day.

Day 2-6:

By now, your tattoo will have a duller, cloudier appearance. This happens as your skin heals. Scabs may start to form. Continue to wash your tattoo two or three times a day. You might notice some ink running into the sink. This is just excess ink that's come up through your skin. Allow the skin to dry before applying a non-scented lotion or ointment recommended by your tattoo artist.

Days 6-14:

By now, any 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, leave scars, or cause infection. At this point, your skin may feel very itchy. Continue to gently apply a non-scented lotion or ointment recommended by your tattoo artist to relieve the itch. If your tattoo is still red and swollen at this point, you might have an infection. Continue to clean the area as noted above and consult your tattoo artist if needed.

Day 15-30:

In this last state of healing, most of the big flakes will be gone, and the scabs should be going away. You might see some dead skin, but it should eventually clear up, too. The tattooed area might still look dry and dull. Keep moisturizing until the skin looks hydrated again. By the second or third week, the outer layers of skin should've healed. It may take 3-4 months for the lower layers to heal completely. By the end of your third month, the tattoo should look as bright and vivid as the artist intended.



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What to avoid:

- Do not re-bandage the tattoo.
- Do not pick or scratch tattoo while it's peeling.
- Do not soak the tattoo. No swimming, baths, hot tubs, or saunas for up to 2-4 weeks.
- Do not apply alcohol, Vaseline, petroleum jelly, or sunblock to a fresh tattoo.
- Do not shave or wax the area until the tattoo is healed.
- Do not listen to your friends. They are not experts. If you have questions just give us a call.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT 515-257-7940.

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