



TATTOO AFTERCARE INFORMATION:

Thank you for purchasing PrickWax all natural tattoo aftercare. Any questions not addressed in this flyer should be directed to your tattoo artist or doctor.

While your tattoo is healing, you most likely have questions about proper tattoo aftercare. Here are a few tips to keep your new tat in good shape:

Wash your hands. Germs travel, and while you may not touch the tattoo directly the tattoo will no doubt be exposed to various contact germs. Like a cold, washing your hands minimizes the spread of germs that could have an adverse reaction on your tattoo.

Tattoos are actually minor surgery and it is to be expected that you will have some bleeding that should cease within a few hours. The best way to remove the bandage, should there be any resistance, is to just soak it in cold water until it releases. The last thing you want to do is tug at the site and cause further bleeding! Treat this area very very gently and only with total cleanliness during the healing process. That means of course hands and any clothing or even bedding that touches the site needs to be clean, and if you sweat on the area, at least rinse it off, preferably using an unscented disinfectant soap to keep the tattoo as clean as possible.

When the skin begins the peeling process, do NOT pick at it. Likewise, when you experience itching or scabbing - do NOT pick at it. If it itches (and it most likely will as it goes through various stages of healing) do not touch it. *Note from editor: My grandfather taught me to tug on the 5 o'clock shadow whiskers on your face to stay awake on a long drive....perhaps that will help - tug the whiskers on your face (or nether regions) to distract yourself with mild pain from the itching (I'm kidding).* Your body is healing the tattooed area and it will look great soon! Using PrickWax tattoo aftercare will keep the area moisturized during this time and thereby should reduce these issues.

Try your absolute best to completely avoid exposing your new tattoo to the sun for at least the first month. Sun exposure causes fading of the colors of your tattoo when it burns the delicate tattooed area! After the healing process (usually 3-4 weeks), use sunscreen on your tattoo. The easiest method that works great is to outline it with a cheap tube of Chapstick containing sunscreen, then just fill it in with the same. Remember to reapply if the skin gets wet or at least every few hours during sun exposure. Small tattoos are easily protected by placing a bandage over them, but then no one will see your new tat! As much as it is tempting to want to show off your new work of art, try your best to keep it covered from direct sunlight, most importantly during healing time - your ink should remain vibrant for a long time to come.

Never apply products containing alcohol or citrus products during this crucial healing time -- they dry and can actually burn the tender skin you want to keep moist! Also, don't use Vaseline or petroleum based products as they have been found to clog pores and draw out the ink - as a result, pimples or bumps may occur.

Don't use really hot water in your shower, also stay away from soaking in tubs, saunas, Jacuzzis or swimming during the healing process. *Note from editor: Stay away from women with long fingernails. Resistance is futile.*

The most important things to keep in mind while your tattoo heals, are protection and cleanliness of the site. If you have severe itching or pain or the area begins to appear infected, contact your tattoo artist or physician right away. Tattoo healing isn't a rough experience. With today's sanitary guidelines, most shops are kept extremely clean and use only sterile, safe equipment. Most of us breeze through the healing process, resulting in a great work of art to show off for the rest of our lives!

Medical questions should be addressed by your doctor. These tips are meant as general information and are based on our opinions only as we are not licensed medical professionals. Questions about PrickWax aftercare products should be addressed to us by email at [info @ prickwax.com](mailto:info@prickwax.com) or call us toll free at 1-877-9-PRICKS (1-877-977-4257). For more information about tattoo aftercare go to the source and ask your professional Tattoo Artist!