



Best ways to care for your new tattoo

1. For the first 1 -3 hours after being tattooed, please leave it wrapped up. - Once you're ready to remove the wrap, gently wash your tattoo with unscented antibacterial soap, **pat** the area dry with a fresh paper towel or clean cloth, then apply a thin layer of aquaphor over it; never re-wrap your tattoo.

****DO NOT** soak or submerge your tattoo for 3 weeks, this includes in the shower; you may apply a thick layer of aquaphor before your shower to protect it but never wrap it before a shower!

2. For the following days. - You should continue to gently clean your tattoo in the morning and evening for the duration of the healing process (2-3 weeks) with unscented antibacterial soap. For the first 2-3 days; keep using a thin layer of aquaphor after washing and reapply during the day as needed. You do not need to wash your tattoo every time before applying aquaphor, just make sure your hands are washed before touching your tattoo. Once those first few days have passed, you can switch to unscented lotion. Be sure not to over moisturize the healing tattoo; this can lead to itchiness, infection, and ink fallout.

3. Keep this regimen until your tattoo heals. - Don't pick at it, don't scratch it, and keep it clean! Your tattoo will most likely be extremely itchy as it dries and heals, this is very normal. Don't mess with it! At about 2-3 weeks, you should start to see some major healing. Be patient with the process; your tattoo will not be completely healed for a month to a month and a half.

Recommended soaps: Dr. Bronner's, Dial, Dove

Anything with very few artificial ingredients and scents will work.

Recommended lotions: Coconut oil, Aveeno, Lubriderm

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