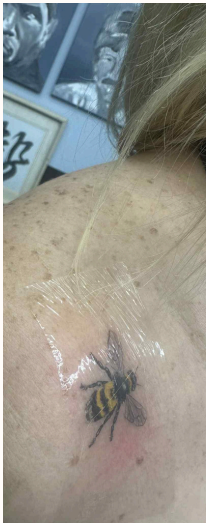


Aftercare

Keep the bandage on your tattoo for at least 1 hour, but no more than 4 hours. Once removed, do not re-bandage the area. Your tattoo needs air to heal properly & rebandage the area could trap infection causing bacteria.

Unless cleansing or applying moisturizer, do not touch your tattoo during the healing period. It could take up to 2 weeks to completely heal.

Do not submerge your tattoo in any body of water for a minimum of 7 days (this includes baths, hot tubs, oceans/rivers/lakes/ponds, etc.)



After the Flaking

Your tattoo will flake and/ or scab after about a week. This is normal, most of the time it goes unnoticed (for smaller tattoos). It almost resembles the flaking after a sun burn. Now it's time to put away the Aquaphor and moisturize! Dealer's choice on which moisturizer to use, if you feel discomfort after applying moisturizer then it's just not time yet. If using coconut oil, remember it's an oil and a little goes a long way! Sun block? Use sunblock not only for your tattoo but for your skin! The tattoo needs to be fully healed before considering sun exposure.

Cleaning Your New Tattoo

Once you have returned to a safe/clean environment, thoroughly wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with antibacterial soap then remove the bandage.

You may cleanse your tattoo in the sink or shower; in the shower, make it the last thing you do in there. Use warm water along with unscented, liquid antibacterial soap (We suggest Dial or Soft Soap) Never use bar soaps as they can harbor bacteria.

Apply the soap to your hands and lather completely before applying to the tattoo.

Next, apply the lathered soap to the entire area on and around your new tattoo. Rub gently in a circular motion for a minimum of 30 seconds.

Next, rinse the soap off your tattoo thoroughly with warm water, again in circular motion until it feels squeaky clean. Do not dry the tattoo completely yet.

Applying Aquaphor

We suggest using Aquaphor as we have for my years now. Aquaphor is only used to help promote the healing process of your tattoo. Over use of this product will prolong the healing process.

Now that you have cleaned your tattoo properly apply the smallest amount possible to the slightly wet tattoo by gently rubbing in a circular motion. You should be able to snap your fingers after applying. The tattoo should look moisturized, but not shiny at this point. Again, you need air to heal a wound properly. If too much Aquaphor is left behind, you can block the air flow to the tattoo and trap bacteria beneath it.

We suggest cleansing your tattoo, followed by applying Aquaphor, twice a day for 4 to 7 days but no more than 7 days. Remember less is better! If you tend to be naturally oily then you may not need this product at all. If you notice the tattoo feels tight or is dry (ashy looking) then you may need to wash and apply Aquaphor.

Please listen to the professionals as we have a very high success rate in healing our tattoos! Feel free to contact us if you have any questions/ concerns regarding the instructions listed above.

What to Expect

After the tattoo procedure, it is normal during the first few days for your skin to push out extra pigment. To keep ink off your sheets/ bedding you may want to put down a clean towel and / or wear breathable, cotton clothing. Tattoo pigment will stain, so please be sure to keep that in mind. We would hate for you to damage any personal/ valuable items.

Healing time is slightly different with everyone. Depending on how extensive your artwork is, scabbing may or may not occur. If a scab does form, this is nothing to be concerned about. However, do not pick, scratch or rub it. Allow your skin to heal properly at its own pace and allow any flaking or peeling to fall off naturally.

Touch-ups, if needed will be done at the discretion of the artist who originally did your tattoo. Any fees associated with a touch-up procedure will also be at the discretion of the artist. Due to the skin composition of the hands/feet we do not guarantee work on the hands, fingers, or anywhere below the ankle. For that reason, tattoos in that area will require a minimum fee of \$100 to be reworked.

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