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TATTOO AFTERCARE

Your new tattoo has been carefully and professionally applied. What's next?
Your satisfaction and safety is my utmost priority, so here is a thorough guide to tattoo aftercare.

1. **Leave your dressing on for about 2 hours.** You may notice some blood product, ink seepage, ink smudging, and sweat buildup, all of which is to be expected during this time. Do not leave on for more than 4-5 hours.
2. Prior to performing the first removal of your dressing, **collect some Aftercare ointment** – This can be purchased at the Pharmacy or supermarket. We highly recommend Dr. Pickles or Bepanthen Antiseptic.
3. Wash your hands with soap and **remove dressing carefully**, avoiding any abrasion to site of procedure, and discard with note that this now contaminated with blood product.
4. Palm warm water over the tattoo and begin to **wash gently**. Do not be alarmed if the area feels slimy. This is perfectly normal.
5. **Pat dry with clean paper towel** and allow to air dry for around 20 minutes.
6. **Apply a thin layer of Aftercare ointment** so as to minimally moisten the entire area. Please be sure this is done with clean hands and that you do not over-apply ointment. Excess ointment can clog pores, slow the healing process and may damage to ink, or warp your design.
7. **There is no need to rewrap your tattoo** at this point. However, if you choose to wrap it for bed (first night only) to avoid excess ink staining your bedsheets, repeat steps 3 to 6 as soon as you get up.
8. **Keep your procedure area clean** with fragrance-free soap and warm water, and avoid touching with unwashed hands. Do not let friends, family or pets touch your tattoo – treat it as a healing wound.
9. Continue this process for a **total of 14 days**.
Over the first few days you tattoo may look dark and glowy. This is normal. As your skin begins to dry out and become flaky and itchy, **it is important not to scratch**. Allow the top layer of skin to flake off naturally.
10. During these 14 days: **NO sunbathing, NO water immersion** like swimming, baths or spa (showering is fine)
This poses immense risk of infection and will damage your tattoo
After the two-week healing process, we recommend the use of daily moisturiser and sunscreen when exposed to sun.

If you have any questions about the healing of your tattoo,
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Thank you and please be sure to send through healed photos!

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