

*Correctly caring for your tattoo is extremely important for keeping the integrity of your tattoo.
Please follow these instructions carefully to ensure that your tattoo heals properly.

Black Lace Ink Aftercare Instructions for Tattoos

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1. Remove the bandage 1-2 hours after the procedure is complete.
2. **Wash your hands first**, then cleanse your tattoo gently. Do this 3-4 times a day. When washing your tattoo (over-using soap can do just as much damage as not using it at all), once per day for the first 2 days, cleanse your tattoo with antibacterial soap. For every time in between, gently wipe/pat down your tattoo with a clean, dampened paper towel with lukewarm water.
3. Carefully pat down your tattoo with a dry, clean towel.
4. Gently rub in a thin layer of **Aquaphor** for the first 3-5 days, or as recommended by your artist. Be sure to massage it into the skin fully. If your tattoo is greasy or glossy looking, then too much has been applied. Excess should be patted down with a clean paper towel.
5. For the first 1-2 days (or as suggested by your artist), it is a good idea to rewrap your tattoo before going to sleep with either plastic wrap or a non-adherent bandage, securing it with masking tape. **Do not** use any cloth or gauze products. Be sure to clean your tattoo and apply the thin layer of ointment before applying the wrap.
6. Once the tattoo has reached the "peeling/flaking" stage, as well as for the rest of the healing process (usually about 2-3 weeks), switch to a moisturizing **lotion**. Each person's skin reacts differently to types of lotions, so use one that works best for your skin type. Be sure, though, that the lotion is unscented.

Important Restrictions

1. **Do not** pick or scratch your tattoo.
2. **Do not** use any alcohol or peroxides on your tattoo.
3. Keep the tattoo clean and out of direct sunlight while healing.
4. **Do not** swim or soak in a bath tub for at least 3 weeks after receiving your tattoo.
5. **Do not** suffocate your tattoo by over bandaging it. Plastic wrap or non-adherent bandages should not stay on more than 4-6 hours, unless being used while sleeping. In between rewrapping your tattoo, it will need several hours of time to receive air while being moisturized.
6. Sunlight and tanning are always bad for your tattoos, even after it is done healing. After the healing process is complete, it is recommended to always use a protective sunscreen or balm to preserve some integrity.
7. Other ointments and products used other than what is recommended can cause different skin reactions and healing processing. Do not use a product that has not been suggested by your artist.

Possible Side Effects

All of our inks are made with natural pigments and applied with sterile equipment. If you are taking proper care of your tattoo and appear to have any type of adverse or unusual reaction, please come by and let us take a look or consult your physician.