

Skintricate Tattoo Company

Tattoo Aftercare

First off, thank you for choosing Skintricate Tattoo Company as your shop of choice!!

You have just received a professional, safe, and sterile tattoo. Throughout the tattoo procedure, we have done our part - now let's focus on your part.

It is now up to you to take care of your new tattoo, so remember it is normal for the tattoo to become swollen and red within the next 24hrs, and you can expect it to get scabby and somewhat sore within the next 48-72hrs. Depending on your overall health and aftercare, the healing time varies from 2 - 3 weeks.

DAY 1

1. Leave the bandage on for 3 - 5 hours, unless otherwise instructed by Skintricate Tattoo Company.
2. Remove the bandage, lather your hands with non-scented soap and gently rub over the tattoo, then rinse with warm water.
3. Repeat steps one and two 3 - 4 times in a row, or until your new tattoo stops leaking lymphatic fluid.
4. Pat dry with a clean towel or paper towel, do not rebandage.

****If your artist used Saniderm/Second Skin:**

1. Leave the second skin on for 3 days.
2. On the third day, roll/pull the second skin DOWN your skin gently in the shower, with the water running over it. Do not rip off or pull away.
3. Wash your tattoo thoroughly with non-scented soap and water and move on to section 'Days 3 - 2 Weeks' below.

DAYS 2 – 3:

1. Wash your new tattoo once a day in the shower with non-scented soap and water. Make sure your hands are clean when you do.
2. Pat dry with a clean towel or paper towel.
3. If you think you got it dirty or if you sweat, please repeat Steps 1 and 2.

DAYS 3 – 2 weeks:

1. Wash your new tattoo once a day in the shower with non-scented soap and water. Make sure your hands are clean when you do.
2. Pat dry with a clean towel or paper towel.
3. Allow the tattoo to air dry for 10 MINUTES.
4. Wash your hands, and then rub a small amount of H2Ocean on the tattoo. Just enough to moisturize, don't over do it.
5. Apply the H2Ocean lotion no more than 3 times a day unless you notice your tattoo has completely dried out. Apply lotion once in the morning, afternoon, and evening. Apply the H2Ocean/After Inked sparingly; use only enough to keep your tattoo shiny. Keeping your tattoo moist is important, but do not overdo it by globbing it on.
6. Repeat steps 1 - 3 if you get your tattoo dirty or sweat.
7. Repeat steps 1 - 5 for a minimum of two weeks.
8. **After 4 - 6 days, you may notice coloured flaking and scabbing. Don't panic, this is normal and is only the top layer of skin exfoliating. Do not pick, scratch or pull the flakes or scabs!**

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call us here at the shop 905-858-5055.

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. If you do a workout/go to the gym, do not allow your new tattoo to touch dirty equipment, be sure to clean equipment before AND after use, and wash your tattoo with non-scented soap and water after your workout.
2. After 4 - 6 days, you may notice coloured flaking and scabbing. Don't panic, this is normal and is only the top layer of skin exfoliating. Do not pick, scratch or pull the flakes or scabs!
3. You may experience bruising and/or swelling within the first few days, that is ok! You did just endure a tattoo, which is technically a bit traumatizing to our bodies. You are welcome to ice it if you like, but otherwise please do not worry, it is not abnormal and will go away.
4. Toward the end of your healing process, you may notice the ink seeming dull, or shiny looking skin where the ink is. This is totally normal, it is just a new layer of skin reforming over top. Once it is fully healed, all will look normal, vibrant, and the same throughout.
5. If you did have any ink that was pulled out because of an hard heal or improperly healed scab for example, not to worry, we can get you in for a touch up.
6. Please remember, our skin is a living organ and therefore not perfectly predictable. We do our best based off our many years of experience, however every body is different. Please follow all aftercare instructions and allow the tattoo to fully heal before being concerned about anything, as the healing process has a few different stages (swelling - scabbing - new skin forming - settling in). Once fully healed and settled in, if you notice any inconsistencies or concerns, please feel free to get in touch, everything can be perfected with a touch up, not to worry at all, we are happy to do so if needed!
7. If you experience anything we haven't described here, please give us a call or come on by, we are always happy to help!

– DO NOT –

All of the precautions listed below are important to follow for a minimum of 14 days after the tattoo, as all could result in serious irritation, pro-longed healing and, of course, a very nasty infection!

- DO NOT re-bandage.
- DO NOT go sun tanning.
- DO NOT go swimming in a pool, hot tub, lake, ocean, or any large body/form of water for at least 2 weeks.
- DO NOT pick, pull or scratch! It is just like a scab - if anything comes off while cleaning that's fine; if not just leave it alone.
- DO NOT let your pet(s) lie on, lick, or rub against your new tattoo.
- DO NOT work out for 24 - 48 hours.
- DO NOT place your healing tattoo on dirty gym equipment.

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