# **TATTOO AFTERCARE**

The next Four days are probably the most important part of the healing process. Your new tattoo has created trauma to the skin and is now considered an open wound. This means that this area of skin is more susceptible to infection as long as it remains an open wound, which is normally for the first Three to Four days.

Special care and attention must be given during this time period. It is recommended that you avoid any scented shower gels or soaps (dove, simple or neals yard products are ideal as they are all ph balanced and won't aggravate the skin).

Washing powder and fabric conditioners found in clothing may also upset a fresh tattoo. With this in mind, we always recommend to use a protective barrier which has been recommended by your tattoo artist.

# DO NOT

- Submerge your fresh tattoo in water (no bathing, swimming, washing up!) showering is okay.
- Expose your fresh tattoo to high levels of heat, humidity or sweat (no sun, saunas or gym workout)
- Over cream or over clean your tattoo. Try to allow it to heal itself naturally, being mindful of cleanliness and dryness.
- Pick or scratch your tattoo as this could potentially remove the ink from the area and result in a patch of missing ink! Try to use an aftercare product to relieve this sensation. (a little light slap also helps!)

Please contact us directly if you are concerned at any time during the healing process and we will be happy to assist you.

Email: mark@markedforever.co.uk Call: 07495367277 or 0151 280 4756 Or just pop in to see us in the studio



Please follow the steps below which apply to the bandage/dressing we have applied to your new tattoo.

#### **CLING FILM**

If we have applied cling film to your fresh tattoo, please leave it for 3-6 hours. When you remove it we recommend you give your new tattoo a light wash, allow it to air dry and then re wrap it in cling film over night. After another clean in the morning you can either re wrap your tattoo in cling film (do not apply any aftercare products at this stage) or simply leave it unwrapped and allow it to air dry, keeping it clean and then applying your aftercare product 24 hours after removing the cling film.

If you choose to keep your tattoo wrapped in cling film then be sure to change the dressing and wash the tattoo every 6-8 hours. After 3-4 days you should remove the cling film and allow the tattoo to dry for 24 hours before applying any aftercare products. If you develop any heat spots around the tattoo area then remove the cling film immediately and allow the tattoo to dry out for at least 24 hours before applying any aftercare products, making sure you are still keeping it clean.

# **DERMALIZE PRO**

If we have used dermalize pro on your new tattoo, please leave it in place for a minimum of 3 days. This product is okay to leave in place for a maximum of 10 days. If you notice any water getting inside the dermalize then please remove it, clean your tattoo and allow it to dry for 24 hours before applying any aftercare products.

### TATTOO ARMOUR PRO

Please see separate sheet provided to you by your tattoo artist.

## RECOMMENDED AFTERCARE PRODUCTS

There are many aftercare products on the market these days but we recommend you use **Hustle butter**, **Palmers cocoa butter** 

Bepanthen or Tattoo goo. Remember to follow our aftercare advice and not to over do it. Too much product can affect the skin whilst healing.

Thank you for choosing us for your new tattoo, we hope you are happy with the result and the whole experience. Don't forget to leave us a 5 star review on yell.com (Marked Fo

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