



# got ink?

## Tattoo Aftercare Guide

### Aftercare With Second Skin

#### First wash your hands thoroughly

-**Remove** the adhesive bandage in a warm shower after 5 days; to remove, find a corner of the bandage, and pull downward while using the other hand to tighten the skin area of where you are removing it from, as loose skin will cause pain, irritation, and take a lot longer to remove.

-**Wash** the tattoo and surrounding area with unscented soap, preferably dawn blue dish soap, thoroughly without letting the shower stream hitting the tattoo directly rinse the tattoo with cold water without letting the shower stream hit the tattoo directly.

-**Pat** dry thoroughly with quality paper towel.

-**Use** an unscented tattoo aftercare lotion (tattoo goo, H2Ocean, Hustle Butter, Aquaphor, etc.) to moisturize the tattoo, the most important thing to remember is less is more. over moisturizing will dramatically increase the healing time. The skin should be moisturized, but appear dry, not wet and shiny from excess lotion.

-**Clean** your tattoo as above, in or outside of the shower 3x times a day for 7 days, and moisturize as above.

-**Not** everyone's skin agrees with the adhesive bandage; whether it is an allergic reaction, or sensitive skin, if so contact the artist immediately if a redness, bumps, excess heat, rash, etc starts to occur.

### Aftercare Without Second Skin

-**Wash** the tattoo and surrounding area with unscented soap, preferably dawn blue dish soap, thoroughly without letting the shower stream hitting the tattoo directly rinse the tattoo with cold water without letting the shower stream hit the tattoo directly

-**Pat** dry thoroughly with quality paper towel

-**Use** an unscented tattoo aftercare lotion (tattoo goo, H2Ocean, Hustle Butter, Aquaphor, etc.) to moisturize the tattoo, the most important thing to remember is less is more. over moisturizing will dramatically increase the healing time. The skin should be moisturized, but appear dry, not wet and shiny from excess lotion

-**Clean** your tattoo as above, in or outside of the shower 3x times a day for 3 days, and moisturize as above

-**After** this is completed, let your tattoo air dry until any heavy flaking occurs, or is finished, then start to apply an unscented tattoo aftercare lotion or unscented lotion like Lubriderm or Vaseline Intensive Care 3x day for 5-7 days after washing and thoroughly drying your tattoo remembering **DO NOT** over moisturize, less is more and the skin should appear normal and dry, not shiny, wet or moist

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