



Illusion Tattoo

Aftercare Information

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Disclaimer

Even with the best aftercare in the world, tattoos can still become infected due to multiple reasons. Ranging from exposure to animal hair/fur or even having a weak immune system and everything inbetween.

It is very important that you do not stress, contact your artist as soon as possible for advice.

Why Aftercare is Important

A new tattoo is an open wound and needs to be treated as one, the better the care that the tattoo receives, the better the overall quality of the tattoo once it has fully healed.

Aftercare is also extremely important due to hygiene risks. Tattoos are open wounds, and that means they are prone to infection. Ensuring that they are kept clean and cared for is essential to keeping them free of bacteria and safe from infection.

The First 2-3 Days

The first 2-3 days are the most essential for the healing process of a tattoo, it is recommended to bandage it during this period if clothing, jewellery etc is going to rub against the tattoo, as this can lead to irritation or even infection. However, if this can be avoided, allowing the tattoo to air aids greatly in the healing process.

If bandaged for long periods of time, **the bandage should be replaced every few hours or so to keep the tattoo clean** as the body sweats and oil builds up, and the aftercare will need to be replaced.

It is very important to have the tattoo bandaged for the first 2 nights. This is very important because when you are asleep, it is the longest period of time you go for without being able to apply aftercare, and drying out this early on can result in the tattooing healing to a poor quality. You sweat, and roll around in your sleep and this helps to protect the tattoo from irritation.

Over the first couple of nights, **the tattoo will weep/sweat and excess ink will come out** with it, in the form of slimey looking ink. This is completely normal, and the tattoo will just need a clean and have some fresh aftercare applied.

How To Care For A New Tattoo

-**Aftercare should be applied 3 to 4 times per day for a period of 2 weeks**, more often if the tattoo feels like it is drying out.

-**Never over use aftercare**, only a small amount should be applied to leave a thin layer over the tattoo. **Do not use liberally.**

-1 to 2 hours after receiving a tattoo, remove the original bandage and replace.

-The dressing will need to be replaced every 4 hours or so (or sooner based on sweating, bleeding etc) so that the tattoo can be washed and to re-apply more aftercare

-If there is no clothing or jewellery etc rubbing on the tattoo then let the tattoo air and have it unbandaged (recommended when possible)

-The tattoo must have **fresh aftercare and be bandaged when sleeping for the first 2 nights** and should not be bandaged at all once it reaches the 3rd day of healing.

-After 7 days the tattoo might get itchy, if so, slap it, **do not scratch it.**

-**Never soak a fresh tattoo**, this means no swimming, pools, saunas, spas, baths etc. However **running water is very good for a tattoo** so showering is fine.

Hygiene

Hygiene is an extremely important part of caring for a new tattoo, a fresh tattoo is an open wound and this makes it very vulnerable to a variety of different elements that can affect the overall healing, and risk irritation or infection.

Infections can be caused by a number of different factors, including exposure to:

Dirt, dust, bacteria, and animal hair.

So it is very important to keep the tattoo clean and minimize contact with any of the above.

It is very important to have fresh laundered bed linens (and clothing) as everyone sweats in their sleep and dirty sheets can put a fresh tattoo at risk of exposure.

How To Clean A New Tattoo

To keep your tattoo safe from infection, hygiene is essential. Gently hand wash a fresh tattoo with **liquid soap**, and rinse thoroughly afterwards in luke warm water.

Dab the tattoo dry with a fresh laundered towel or disposable paper towels, **never rub** as this can irritate the tattoo. Alternatively, leave it to air dry.

What You Will Need

To properly take care of a new tattoo, there are a few items you will need to ensure your tattoo gets the best care.

-Aftercare

-Gladwrap

-Surgical Tape or Masking tape

-Papertowols or Laundered towels

-Liquid Anit-Bacterial Soap

(Dettol or Protex works best)

Aftercare Creams

The following are recommended when caring for a new tattoo.

-Supernatural Tattoo Balm

-Bepanthen

-Hustle Butter

-Protat Aftercare

-Savlon

(Only use Savlon if nothing else available)

-Any aftercare supplied by a studio

The following is **NOT** recommended.

-Vaseline

-Papaw Ointment

-Cosmetic Moisturizer