Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

Congratulations on your new tattoo! Proper care during the healing process is essential to ensure your tattoo heals well, stays vibrant, and avoids infection.

First 24 Hours

- Leave the bandage on for the time recommended by your artist (usually 2–6 hours).
  · Wash your hands before touching your tattoo.
- ·After removing the bandage, gently wash the tattoo with lukewarm water and fragrance-free antibacterial soap.
- ·Pat dry with a clean paper towel. Do not rub.

Cleaning & Moisturizing

- Wash your tattoo 2–3 times daily with mild, fragrance-free soap.
- ·After washing, apply a thin layer of recommended ointment (like Aquaphor, A&D, or a tattoo-specific balm) for the first 3–4 days.
- Switch to a fragrance-free lotion once peeling begins.
- Do not over-apply – your skin should feel moisturized but not smothered.

What to Expect

- Redness & tenderness in the first couple days.
- Peeling/flaking similar to a sunburn (do not pick or scratch).
- Itching is normal – gently tap, don't scratch.

Things to Avoid

- Do not pick, scratch, or peel scabs.
- Avoid soaking in water (baths, swimming, hot tubs, saunas) for at least 2–3 weeks.
- Avoid direct sunlight and tanning beds until fully healed.
- Do not apply alcohol, peroxide, or petroleum jelly.

Long-Term Care

- Always apply sunscreen (SPF 30+) to protect your tattoo from fading.
- Keep your skin moisturized to maintain vibrancy.
- ⚠ Contact your tattoo artist or a healthcare professional if you notice: - Excessive redness or swelling after 3 days - Pus, foul odor, or spreading rash - Severe pain or fever

Healing time varies but usually takes 2–4 weeks, depending on size, placement, and your personal skin type.

Enjoy, and thank you for choosing Wildflower Ink!

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