

SECOND SKIN: Inovative Tattoo Aftercare

Second skin is a medical-grade, transparent, adhesive barrier that protects new tattoos while they are healing. It is latex-free, waterproof, breathable, and hypoallergenic. The first seven days are a crucial time when it comes to healing tattoos. Because it's breathable and waterproof second skin can be left on during that period. It will protect the tattoo from bacteria and debris, while also helping to save clothes and linens from ink and blood.

* These are a few things we have noticed with experience of using the second skin bandage

1. Do not take the bandage off early. The soonest it should be taken off is 4-5 days after receiving the tattoo. Keeping it on for 7 is ideal. If you remove it sooner than 4-5 days it can result in some of the ink being ripped out.
2. Ink and blood will pool up underneath the bandage. This is completely normal. After a few days the ink and blood will begin to dry up underneath.
3. It may begin to get itchy once your hair starts to grow back.
4. When removing the bandage, take it off in the shower. Let hot water run over the bandage. This will make it easier to peel off. Wash it gently with antibacterial liquid soap after removing the bandage. Gently pat it dry after getting out of the shower.
5. At this point in healing you will need to lotion your tattoo. After removing the bandage the skin underneath will be very dry. You must lotion it well after removing the second skin. The best lotions to use are Eucerin, Currel, and Lubriderm. Lotion 2-3 times a day until skin returns to pre-tattooed condition.
6. Stay out of direct sunlight and tanning booths until tattoo is healed; at least 2 weeks.
7. DO NOT soak tattoo in a tub, sauna, jacuzzi or go swimming while the tattoo is healing. Showers are fine as long as you do not scrub the tattoo. Wash gently with antibacterial soap in your hand. No loofahs or bar soap.
8. DO NOT rub or pick the tattooed area while it is healing. Loss of color and/or infection could occur.
9. Extreme sun exposure over the years can and will fade your tattoo; this can be minimized by using a strong sunscreen, at least SPF 25.
10. Your tattoo could take up to 2 months to completely heal.

Feel free to contact us via phone or email if you have any questions or concerns.

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