

Follow the instructions on this page for trouble free healing of your new tattoo.

After approximately 3-5 hours, carefully remove the bandage from your tattoo and discard of it. Soak your tattoo in a clean and sterile tub or sink for approximately 10 minutes in the hottest water you can handle. Using only your fingertips, gently rub off any old plasma/blood. ***DO NOT use a cloth, loofah or a sponge.*** If you cannot soak the tattoo then shower ensuring that the water cascades over your tattoo as opposed to directly hitting it. Lightly pat your tattoo dry with a clean towel. ***DO NOT rub it.*** The next morning, gently wash the tattoo with a very mild soap (ivory, cetaphil...) and water, again using only your fingers tips to gently massage the area clean.

For the next 5-7 days let your tattoo dry out completely. ***DO NOT APPLY lotions or creams to the area.***

You can wash/shower daily, but it is important to keep your new tattoo as dry as possible while washing. When drying off make sure to pat, not rub, your tattoo dry.

While your tattoo is healing you should avoid swimming pools, hot tubs, and/or the ocean. Avoid direct sun exposure. Once your tattoo is fully healed, remember to always use sunscreen on all your tattoos or keep them covered when you are in the sun. Sunlight will age your tattoo and cause the colors to fade. This also goes for tanning beds!

It is normal for your new tattoo to flake and itch(which may drive you crazy) while it is healing. ***DO NOT pick, rub, scratch, or mess with your tattoo.*** If your tattoo becomes irritated while healing, the color can be lost from it and may result in your tattoo needing touch-ups. If touch ups are required due to poor healing of the tattoo, contact Bushido to book a touch-up appointment. One Touch-up is free ***within one year*** of getting the tattoo. Free touch-ups will be done by the original artist and are recommended to be booked after the tattoo is fully healed (usually one month after the tattoo is finished). If touch ups are required as a result of not following these instructions you may be charged for the touch up.

If you have any questions regarding the aftercare of your tattoo or what is "normal" healing, do not hesitate to call us at (403) 261-1009. Enjoy your new tattoo!