



Bushido Tattoo Aftercare

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. Soak your tattoo in a 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! 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 4-5 days let your tattoo dry out! DO NOT APPLY lotions or creams to the area.

You can wash daily, though try to keep your new tattoo as dry as possible while washing. When you are drying off make sure to pat, not rub, your tattoo dry.

After this initial period, you may use lotion to relieve any extreme dryness and/or itching. Apply a very thin layer of unscented lotion, NOT VASELINE, that has no additives (such as Aloe, Vitamin E, Lanolin etc.) Some good brands to use are Lubriderm or Aveno. The plainest/whitest lotion you can buy!

While your tattoo is healing you should avoid pools, hot tubs and direct sun exposure. Sun is a new tattoos nemesis! Try to avoid direct sun exposure for the first few of weeks. 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 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! This then 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. If touch-ups are required, please book them within 2 months of finishing your 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 you decide to ignore these instructions, you will be charged for touch-ups! 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.