



Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

Thank you for choosing Irish Ink for your recent tattoo. We aspire to give you the best experience possible for your body artwork. Quality is very important to us, and taking care of your recent tattoo will ensure the best quality possible. The healing process is very important in maintaining a healthy and fresh tattoo. Here is how you keep your tattoo in the best possible condition through careful care.

What To Expect:

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After you get a tattoo, you will likely experience some sensitivity in the area in and surrounding the tattoo. Post tattoo symptoms can include:

- Redness
- Minimal Seepage (plasma and or blood)
- Burning
- Soreness
- Some Swelling

The Healing Process:

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If you purchased an Irish Ink Aftercare Kit, it will include Aquaphor (healing ointment), liquid antibacterial soap (fragrance and dye free), and Aveeno Baby Cream (fragrance and dye free). You can also purchase all these items at your local drug or grocery store.

Days	Treatment	Initials
First 48 Hours	Make sure to wash your hands with the antibacterial soap before touching the fresh tattoo. This is a precaution to keep bacteria out of your healing skin. Wash the area with antibacterial soap then rinse as needed. Apply the Aquaphor or similar ointment liberally.	
Day 1 – Day 4	Wash your tattoo with antibacterial soap (fragrant and dye free) three times daily. Be sure to build up a good lather in your hands then apply it to your tattoo. Rinse off all the soap with water then blot dry. Once dry, apply a thin layer of Aquaphor healing ointment to the tattoo.	
Day 4 – Day 20	Continue to wash the location with antibacterial soap. From day 5 you can start applying the baby cream, in place of Aquaphor, to your tattoo. You should apply the baby cream to the tattoo 3 times a day for about 2 to 3 weeks.	

As healing progresses you will notice a slight to moderate scab forming over the tattoo. This is normal and will eventually heal back to normal in about 3 to 4 weeks. Your skin's natural oils will begin to return to the surface of your skin as it heals.

What to Avoid:

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Do not go swimming in a pool or ocean. Do not go in a hot tub. Do not go tanning (either in a tanning bed, outdoors, or non-UV tanning spray). Always wash your hands thoroughly before touching your tattoo. Avoid any chemicals of any kind that might come into contact with your tattoo.

Touchups:

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After the tattoo has completely healed, Irish Ink will be happy to provide any additional touchups for up to 6 months. Please contact the artist that your originally received your tattoo from to schedule an appointment.

_____ Signature

_____ Date