

# **Tattoo Aftercare**

## **Aftercare is the key to terrific tattoos!**

**Tattoo care is similar to skin care used for minor burns. The area must be kept clean and moisturized until the tattoo has completely healed.**

1. Following the tattoo session keep tattoos covered with the bandage for at least 3 hours (or overnight) to protect against foreign material entering the skin during recovery time. Resist the urge to look at the tattoo and touch the area as little as possible.
2. Remove bandage after the recommended time has passed.
3. Do not re-bandage the tattoo.
4. Wash tattoo area with antibacterial soap and water to remove all ointments and blood. Rinse thoroughly and lightly pat dry with a clean dry towel. Do not use alcohol or peroxide on the tattoo it will dry out the skin.
5. With clean hands, apply a light coat of vitamin A and D. Apply it onto the tattoo like lotion. The scab will fall off and won't get hard and crack.
6. Do NOT use petroleum jelly on the tattoo. It won't do anything but cause dry skin and heavy scab. Some skin peeling will occur, if so; apply non-fragrant lotion.
7. Don't pick or scratch the scab!
8. After 5 days you may stop using the A and D ointment and switch to non-fragrant moisturizer.