



AGARU TATTOO AFTERCARE

Now you have your fresh tattoo, and will want to take good care of it! From this point on, your artist is NOT responsible for any infection or problems you may have with your tattoo if you neglect to care for it properly. It is important that you follow these guidelines. A really beautiful tattoo can turn into a disaster if the proper care is not taken.

1. **Leave that bandage alone!** Leave the bandage/wrap in place for a MINIMUM of 2 hours. This will keep your new ink protected, while your body starts the initial healing phase. This will also keep your “bodily fluids” off of others around you, until you can get home and clean it properly!

2. **Wash & Treat!** After you remove the bandage, use lukewarm water, and an unscented, antibacterial soap. (Yellow Dial, Provon, or Satin are good choices!) Gently rub a light lather of soap onto the tattoo using ONLY your bare hands. Washcloths, and Sponges are TOO HARSH & ABRASIVE!

After you’re done rinsing the tattoo clean, pat the tattoo dry with a clean paper towel, and let it “air dry” for a minute. (This will help the ointment to stick to the skin.)

Everybody’s skin is different, and we’ve used several ointments that work well. Apply a VERY LIGHT coat of ointment to the tattoo, using just your FRESHLY WASHED fingers.

NOTE! Agaru Tattoo Ointment, A & D & Bacitration all work well for certain people, but if YOU seem to be having a reaction, STOP USING THAT PRODUCT, and try another! (Common reactions include: Rash, breakouts, “zits” forming in the tattoo or surrounding skin, and abnormal scabbing)

3. **Peeling!** After 3-5 days you will notice the tattoo starting to flake or peel as the upper layers of healthy new skin begin to form. Your tattoo might become “itchy,” but lightly patting or slapping the tattoo will help relieve this sensation. DO NOT PICK IT, OR SCRATCH IT! This can pull out patches of color! At this stage, you can begin using an unscented lotion. (Lubraderm, Jergens, Purell, Vaseline Intensive Care, or Coco Butter.)

NO SOAKING: Submerging the tattoo can destroy it! (Prolonged exposure to water can flush out the ink before it heals in place!)

NO TANNING: The sun is the #1 KILLER of tattoos. Long-term exposure will ruin a tattoo. (EVEN AFTER THEY ARE HEALED!) Use a high SPF sunblock whenever it’s exposed.