

# Tattoo Aftercare with Second Skin

## FIRST 24 HOURS

1. Some of our artists may use a product called Second Skin for aftercare. This is a breathable tattoo bandage which provides an effective barrier against water, dirt, germs and friction. Once the artist applies the bandage, keep the wrap on for at least 24 hours. During the first 24 hours, there may be some build-up of plasma under the bandage. This is completely normal!
2. Once 24 hours has passed, you will need to remove the wrap and replace it with a fresh Second Skin bandage which you keep on for an additional 4 to 6 days. You are more than welcome to come in and have one of our artists remove and apply the new bandage. You can also take home a second bandage with you after you get tattooed and apply it yourself. Check out our written guide and video linked to our website to see exactly how to safely remove your old bandage and apply your new one.

## CHANGING YOUR OWN WRAP

To apply it yourself, please make sure to follow these steps

1. Peel up an edge or corner of the Second Skin, and slowly pull the film off. Do not pull it straight away from your skin; instead, pull the film back and across the skin while holding your skin taut.
2. Clean the entire tattoo area using lukewarm water and non-scented soap to gently wash away any excess plasma, blood, or ink. Do not use a wash cloth or anything abrasive. Your hand is your best tool in this case! If your tattoo feels slimy and slippery, you have probably been oozing plasma (this is totally normal). Try to gently remove as much as possible, when plasma dries on the skin surface, it creates thick scabs
3. Take your new second skin bandage and size up where you are going to place the bandage. Use multiple pieces overlapping at least one inch if the tattoo is too large for a single piece. Remember to account for an extra inch on each side of the tattoo to cover un-tattooed dry skin.
4. On the white paper side of the bandage, fold the tip of a corner so that you are able to peel the white sheet off of the clear side of the wrap.
5. Smooth the Second Skin over the tattoo and push out any air bubbles. Once the Second Skin is in place, there may still be bubbles present. Try your best to push out these air bubbles but remember not to be too aggressive with your tattoo.
6. Remove the supportive clear backing by peeling from the "wave". Peel it evenly and slowly against yourself, rather than peeling it away from your body.
7. Smooth the Second Skin over your tattoo. You should cut open any air bubbles that are larger than a quarter. If you need to do this, please do so without pinching or making contact with your tattoo area. Then patch to hole you made with a smaller piece of Second Skin.

### \*Important Note\*

8. If you develop an adverse reaction on the tattoo, discontinue use immediately. Some people do have reactions to pigments, lotions, and products used during the tattoo procedure. If this occurs, cease use of the product and call us for alternatives.
9. Keep Your Tattoo Out of Sunlight while healing...DO NOT touch the tattoo, and try and keep as little clothing friction such as a socks, bra straps, belts, etc. away from the tattoo...No Pools, Jacuzzis, Oceans, or Soaking in water till healed. DO NOT let Drunken Girls, Guys or Animals lick your tattoo
10. Any touch up work needed due to your own negligence will be done at your own expense. Your artist will offer one free touch up if he/she decides it's needed for any other reason. The free touch up is only valid for 60 days after the initial tattoo date and excludes hands, feet and above the shoulders.

## DISCLAIMER

These guidelines are based on a combination of vast professional experience, common sense, research and extensive clinical practice. This is not to be considered a substitute for medical advice from a doctor. If you suspect an infection, seek medical attention. Be aware that many doctors have not received specific training regarding tattoos. Your local tattoo artist may be able to refer you to a tattoo-friendly medical professional. It is also advised to report any problems to our local environmental health agency.

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