

Tattoo Aftercare

Female Owned · Artist Owned · 124 N Riverwalk Aly, River Falls, WI · 715-410-3802

DERM SHIELD

A clear, breathable, waterproof, hypoallergenic film that covers your fresh tattoo and protects it from anything that may interfere with healing. (Also sold as Saniderm, Tegaderm, or Second Skin — essentially the same thing, different brand.)

Keep the Derm Shield we sent you home with on for 24 hours. You may notice colored liquid building up in there — this is perfectly normal. It is a little blood, plasma and ink purging from the tattoo; just your body's immune system at work.

- Before removing the bandage, clean your hands, sink and surrounding area.
- After 24 hours, gently peel the film off.
- Carefully remove the bandage with water running. Peel slowly.

TRADITIONAL WRAPPING

If you have adhesive allergies, or you simply prefer saran wrap and/or Tattoo Armour:

- Wash your hands before touching the tattoo or wrap.
- Remove the wrap after 2–3 hours and gently wash away plasma and ointment with lukewarm water and anti-bacterial soap.
- Use clean towels. Dab — do not rub.
- Let it air dry, wear breathable clean clothing, then moisturize.

TAKING CARE OF YOUR TATTOO

Wash your tattoo with unscented soap and warm water. Please do not use bar soap — it can build up bacteria sitting in your shower.

We suggest Dial Antibacterial Gold Soap (in the pump) or Dr. Bronner's Natural Soap (concentrated, so please dilute).

After the shower, gently blot the tattoo dry with a freshly cleaned towel or paper towel.

FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS — PLEASE AVOID

- No swimming, hot tubs, or baths.
- No sun exposure.
- No gym equipment.
- No shaving over the tattoo.

You have an open wound and are more susceptible to harmful chemicals and bacteria that may interfere with healing and your overall health.

Try to keep pets off your fresh tattoo. If your dog or cat touches or scratches you, wash the tattoo immediately.

If you would like to re-wrap with Recovery Derm after the first wrap, you may — helpful for more laborious jobs. Follow the instructions on the product.

With Derm Shield you shouldn't have major scabbing, only light flakiness once the film comes off. Do not pick or peel flaky skin — let it come off naturally so you don't pull pigment out. Tattoo artists know when you've been picking, so don't do it!

OINTMENT HEAL & PRODUCTS

We highly recommend an all-organic ointment over a petroleum-based product, which avoids unnecessary break-outs from Vaseline-like consistencies.

Brands we enjoy: Lubriderm, Eucerin, or any unscented lotion. Fragrance-free only.

We also carry aftercare products at Black Cat Tattoo.

PLEASE NOTE

If you are allergic to adhesives, or Derm Shield isn't your cup of tea, let us know beforehand and we will find another wrapping alternative.

If you see any signs of infection, contact us directly via email and seek medical assistance.

Please read this aftercare form and follow the aftercare given by your artist. You are responsible for taking care of your tattoo once you leave the door.

Questions or concerns about your aftercare? Email BlackCatTattooStudioInfo@gmail.com or text 715-410-3802.