

## Aftercare Instructions

1. Remove plastic covering 2-3 hours after leaving studio or when all bleeding has stopped.
2. After removing bandage wash tattoo immediately with lukewarm water and unscented soap. Bandage may be left on overnight to prevent tattoo from sticking to or staining bedsheets.  
**Maintain clean bedding throughout the healing process**



### **PROCESS FOR WASHING FRESH TATTOO**

- \* Carefully remove bandage and tape
- \* Make a lather in your hand with soap and water
- \* Gently clean tattoo using circular motion until all ointment, blood, and lymphatic fluid are removed
- \* Rinse and gently wash tattoo a second time and blot with clean towel to dry.

**Use only CLEAN HANDS to wash tattoo.**

**No washcloths, sponges or loofahs on a fresh art.**

3. After tattoo is clean and dry apply AQUAPHOR ointment for the first 2-3 days and then switch to a fragrance free lotion or ointment.

**I suggest showering and using above washing technique after wrapping removal and letting the tattoo rest for several hours uncovered before redressing and covering with a sterile wrapping before bed on first night with new art.**

Fresh Tattoos often “Weep” during the first couple of days when plasma and ink form a thin moist coating on the skin which can be dabbed with a clean paper towel if needed. Do not rub or be rough with it. Do not panic when you see the ink on you hands or paper towels as excess ink is naturally sloughed from the surface of the skin during the healing process.

4. Strenuous activity, direct sun exposure as well as hot tubs and submersion in water within the first 10 days should be avoided as your tattoo is an open entryway to pathogens while healing.

**Some people with sensitive skin may experience razor bumps around the tattoo due to shaving before tattoo which should clear**