



AFTERCARE

IT'S NOW IN YOUR HANDS -
LOOK AFTER YOUR NEW TATTOO!

Thank you for choosing Stay Much Better Tattoo™

We hope you had a good experience with us

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We love hearing your feedback and seeing your healed photos!

1. After a few hours gently wash the tattoo

Leave the covering on the tattoo for the first 2-5 hours, when at home carefully remove it and gently wash the tattoo with lukewarm water and mild liquid soap. Pat it dry and let it air for 10-20 mins without moisturiser, after which apply a first layer of cream. We recommend wrapping it back up for the first night before you go to sleep, as ink leaking can occur and it will protect the new tattoo from sticking to your bedsheets. Wrapping it again with clingfilm and tape the second night for larger more saturated tattoos would also be advisable.

2. Apply a thin layer of unscented moisturising cream

The next day and onwards you should start applying a thin layer of an unscented moisturising cream like **Palmers Cocoa Butter** to your new tattoo, each time gently washing it before with clean hands. We also recommend using specialist tattoo products that are now widely available on the market such as **Hustle Butter** or **Tattoo Goo**. Repeat the cleaning and moisturising process 3-5 times a day or whenever it is looking dry - try NOT to let it scab. **Avoid using any kind of oil or petroleum based products as they do not let the skin breathe properly during healing process.**

3. Keep the tattoo clean and dry

Keep the tattoo clean and dry, and avoid soaking it in water for at least a month (showers are ok, baths and swimming are not). If your clothes are likely to rub on your new tattoo excessively, or you may be working in dirty conditions; keep it covered with clingfilm and medical tape.

4. Avoid direct sunlight

Avoid exposing it to direct sunlight unless completely necessary when your tattoo is healing. Healed tattoos, especially coloured ones, WILL fade in the sun – so when it's completely healed, make sure it's covered in a high SPF.

5. Do Not Itch

As the tattoo heals, it may scab or flake slightly. Avoid picking at it or have clothing rubbing against it, as this may remove the ink in that area and lead to patches fading or being removed altogether. If it itches, don't scratch – slap it lightly instead. This should only last for the first few weeks or so – if it stays raised, itches uncontrollably, is red around the design, keeps bleeding for more than a day or so after having it done, or is continuously hot to the touch, please come back and see us ASAP. Infected tattoos are very rare but can happen, and it's always worth getting it checked out if you're worried about it.

6. Be patient with healing times

Healing times depend on how well you heal, how well you look after it and the size of the design. This can range anywhere from around a week for simple, small line designs, to a month for complex, larger designs. Keep following these aftercare instructions for at least 6 weeks. Once the tattoo is healed, you can keep it lightly moisturised to keep the blacks fresh and the colour looking vibrant.

Any problems give us a shout.

Thanks and see you soon!

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