



Electric Art TATTOO

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Tattoo Aftercare

**Your aftercare instructions may vary slightly between artists.

1. Leave your bandage on for 2 hours

2. Remove the bandage and gently wash the tattoo with fragrance free soap (such as liquid Dial), rinse, repeat if necessary, and pat dry.

*Always wash your hands before touching your fresh tattoo, it is an open wound.

*Do not ever scrub your healing tattoo with a wash cloth, sponge, loofah, etc...

3. Wash 3 to 5 times a day for at least the first 3 days.

*Do not soak your tattoo for a prolonged period of time until the scabs are gone. Allowing the scabs to get soggy will make it lose color.

4. After the first day or 2 your tattoo will begin to scab, making it feel dry and tight. Once this scab begins to form it is time to moisturize with

fragrance free lotion. *Lubriderm is great!

* Don't use petroleum based ointments like A&D, triple antibiotic ointment, Vaseline, etc. Products such as these will trap dirt and bacteria against your skin and will clog your pores. That can cause your scabs to open up, bubble, and weep, which can cause color loss, infection and irritation.

5. Soon your scabs will start peeling off and itching. Do Not scratch or pick at your scabs, allow them to come off by themselves.

*Premature scab removal will cause scarring and color loss.

*Preparation H or Benadryl cream can be used to relieve itching.

6. Moisturize any time your tattoo feels dry but in VERY SMALL amounts. Moisturize often, but use only enough to rub in without leaving any excess on the skin.

7. You must protect your tattoo from the sun! For the first 2 months it is important to cover your tattoo if you are going to go tanning or are going to spend much time in the sun. Once it is completely healed, it is still important to use sun block to keep your color from fading.

*Sun will destroy your color over time!!

Do's

- *Always wash your hands before and after handling your fresh tattoo
- *Keep it clean
- *Keep it dry (other than showering and washing)
- *Keep it moisturized
- *Keep it protected from the sun
- *Keep your clothing and jewelry from abrading your scabs
- *Other than washing, keep your hands off of it
- *If it itches, slap it and moisturize more often instead of scratching
- *It is important to listen to your body. If you have an alternate method of healing that has been tried and true for you, stick with it!

Do Not's

- *Don't wear clothing that will stick to your tattoo the first day/night
- *Don't soak in the bath tub, go swimming, hot tubing, etc. until all of the scabs are gone. (1-2 weeks typically)
- *Don't over moisturize
- *Don't use ointments
- *Don't tan with it uncovered
- *Don't go out in the sun with out sun block
- *Don't wear clothing, shoes, or jewelry that will rub your healing tattoo.
- *Don't pick at your scabs