

Latin Angel

TATTOO AFTERCARE

·Please Note: These are guidelines only.

Your tattoo artist will cover your tattoo with cling film this is to stop dirt, germs and air coming into contact with your new tattoo. You should keep the tattoo covered with Clingfilm until the next morning. If you want to remove the Clingfilm and have a shower/wash, this is fine, but you should apply a new piece of Clingfilm afterwards. Ideally you should keep the initial Clingfilm on until the next day. In the following week, wash and apply a thin layer of Bepanthen two to three times a day, always reapplying a new layer of clingfilm over the top for the next 7 days to protect the tattoo from dirt/hair, etc.

- When you remove the Clingfilm the tattoo will appear to be “slimy” in appearance this is in fact an extra layer of platelets excreted from your body to protect this new “wound”. Gently wash the area with warm water and an antibacterial soap, and pat the area dry, preferably with a paper towel. You then need to use a healing cream to protect your tattoo, this should be applied at least twice a day. The best aftercare cream is **Bepanthen**, which minimises scabbing and can be purchased from us. Aftercare products specially formulated for the healing of tattoos are also fine to use. Vaseline should be avoided, as this restricts air from reaching the tattoo. Other harmful astringents and antiseptics such as TCP, Dettol and perfumed lotions should be avoided. Sudocreme is also inadvisable, as this is not easily absorbed into the skin.
- Your tattoo will soon begin to dry out, and a scab will form. Ideally the scabbing needs to be kept minimal, if the scabs are damaged your tattoo will lose pigment and may scar.
A thin layer of **Bepanthen** will keep scabbing minimal and may prevent scabs forming at all, depending on your immune system.
- Do not soak your tattoo for a prolonged period of time, and after showering pat the area dry or allow to air dry. Rubbing the tattoo, and picking especially will not only ruin the design, it will also scar your skin.
- Avoid exposing your Tattoo to sun or sun-beds whilst it is healing
- Be aware that tattoos can become infected. Avoid getting anything dirty on your tattoo while it is healing. Pets can cover your Tattoo in hair, saliva etc so ensure your new tattoo is covered before handling any animals. If your tattoo does become dirty, wash it immediately with antibacterial soap, pat dry and apply the aftercare cream
- A tattoo can take 1-2 months to completely heal. Although the scabbing will disappear (with proper aftercare) within a couple of weeks, the tattoo may still appear slightly faint, or the skin may appear shiny and taut for up to a month after. Keep applying your aftercare cream at least twice a day until the skin has fully healed.