

AFTER CARE



FINELINE
TATTOO

Initial Care (First 24 Hours)

- **Leave the Wrap On:** After your tattoo session, your artist will apply a protective wrap. Leave it on for 2-4 hours to protect the fresh tattoo from bacteria and contaminants.
- **Wash Your Hands:** Always wash your hands thoroughly with antibacterial soap before touching your tattoo to avoid infection.
- **Gently wipe the Tattoo:** After removing the wrap, wipe the tattoo gently with damp cotton pads.
- **Apply aftercare:** Use a clean cotton tip apply a thin layer of aftercare cream. Refresh every 2 hours by wiping the tattoo with clean damp cotton pads and apply fresh aftercare cream.

Ongoing Care (Days 2-7)

Apply Aftercare Ointment: Use a thin layer of an approved aftercare ointment (such as Aquaphor or a tattoo-specific balm) 2-3 times a day. Ensure your tattoo remains moisturized but not overly greasy.

Keep the Area Clean: Continue washing your tattoo gently twice a day with mild soap and lukewarm water. Pat dry with a clean paper towel.

Avoid Soaking: Avoid submerging the tattoo in water. Showers are fine, but do not soak in baths, pools, or hot tubs as this can increase the risk of infection and affect the healing process.

Healing Phase (Week 1-4)

- **Avoid Picking or Scratching:** Your tattoo will start to scab or peel around days 3-7. It may also feel itchy. Do not pick at the scabs or scratch the area, as this could lead to scarring or loss of ink.
- **Moisturize Regularly:** Continue applying a fragrance-free moisturizer 1-2 times daily to keep the tattoo hydrated. Over-moisturizing can cause issues, so use sparingly.
- **Wear Loose Clothing:** Avoid tight clothing that may rub against the tattoo, as this can cause irritation or remove scabs prematurely.

Things to Avoid During Healing

- **Direct Sun Exposure:** Keep your tattoo out of direct sunlight. UV rays can fade the ink, especially during the healing process. Once fully healed, always apply sunscreen to protect your tattoo.
- **Heavy Sweating:** Avoid intense physical activities that cause excessive sweating, as it can affect the healing of your tattoo, especially during the first week.
- **Harsh Products:** Avoid using lotions or products containing alcohol, fragrances, or retinol. Stick to mild, unscented moisturizers and ointments.

Signs of Infection

If you notice any signs of infection such as:

- Excessive redness, swelling, or a burning sensation
- Yellow or green pus-like discharge
- Fever or extreme pain

Contact your tattoo artist or seek medical attention immediately.

Long-Term Care

- Once healed (typically after 4-6 weeks), apply sunscreen (minimum SPF 30) whenever your tattoo is exposed to the sun to prevent fading.
- Moisturize the tattoo regularly to keep your skin hydrated and the tattoo looking vibrant.

Following these steps will help ensure your fine line tattoo heals beautifully and maintains its quality for years to come.