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# AFTERCARE WITH SECOND SKIN

Second Skin is a breathable tattoo bandage that protects your new tattoo from water, dirt, germs and friction.

## THE FIRST 24 HOURS

1. **Keep the bandage on for at least 24 hours.** You may see some plasma build up under it. That's completely normal!
2. **After 24 hours, replace it** with a fresh Second Skin bandage and keep that one on for another 4 to 6 days. You're welcome to come in and have one of our artists change it for you, or take a second bandage home and do it yourself.

## CHANGING IT YOURSELF

3. **Peel off the old bandage.** Lift an edge or corner and slowly pull the film back across your skin (not straight up) while holding your skin taut.
4. **Clean the whole area** with lukewarm water and unscented soap to gently wash away plasma, blood and ink. No washcloths or anything abrasive. Your hand is your best tool. Slimy or slippery just means plasma, which is normal. Get off as much as you can; dried plasma turns into thick scabs.
5. **Size up the new bandage.** Leave an extra inch on every side to cover dry, un-tattooed skin. For big tattoos, use several pieces overlapping by at least an inch.
6. **Peel off the white paper backing.** Fold a corner tip on the white side so you can separate it from the clear side.
7. **Smooth it on** and gently push out any air bubbles. Don't be aggressive with your tattoo.
8. **Remove the clear backing** by peeling from the "wave," evenly and slowly back across yourself rather than away from your body.
9. **Fix big bubbles.** Cut open any bubble bigger than a quarter without pinching or touching the tattoo, then patch the hole with a smaller piece of Second Skin.

## IMPORTANT

10. **If you react to the bandage, take it off.** Some people react to pigments, lotions or products used during tattooing. Stop using the product and call us for alternatives.

## UNTIL IT'S HEALED

- Keep your tattoo out of the sun.
- Don't touch it, and keep clothing friction (socks, bra straps, belts) away from it as much as you can.
- No pools, hot tubs, oceans or soaking in water until it's fully healed.
- Don't let drunk friends (or your pets) lick your tattoo. Seriously.

## TOUCH-UPS

Touch-ups needed because of your own negligence are at your own expense. Otherwise, your artist will offer one free touch-up if they decide it's needed. The free touch-up is good for 60 days from your tattoo date and excludes hands, feet and anything above the shoulders.

DISCLAIMER: These guidelines are based on extensive professional experience, common sense, research and clinical practice. They are not a substitute for medical advice from a doctor. If you suspect an infection, seek medical attention. Many doctors have no specific training with tattoos, so we can refer you to a tattoo-friendly medical professional. Please also report any problems to your local environmental health agency.

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