

Inked Tuna Tattoo – Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

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Why Aftercare Matters

Your tattoo is an open wound. Proper care prevents infection, reduces scarring, and ensures your tattoo heals crisp and vibrant. Healing usually takes 2–4 weeks depending on placement, size, and your body's natural healing.

First 24 Hours

- Leave the bandage or wrap on for the time recommended by your artist (usually 2–6 hours, or overnight if using a medical film wrap).
- Wash your hands before removing the bandage.
- Gently wash your tattoo with lukewarm water and mild, fragrance-free soap. Do not scrub.
- Pat dry with a clean paper towel—never use cloth towels.

Cleaning & Moisturizing

- Wash the tattoo 2–3 times daily with mild soap and lukewarm water.
- Apply a thin layer of recommended tattoo aftercare ointment or unscented moisturizer. Do not over-apply—your skin needs to breathe.
- Switch to a fragrance-free lotion once the initial healing (7-10 days) is underway.

What to Expect

- Mild redness, swelling, and tenderness are normal for the first few days.
- Light scabbing and peeling (like a sunburn) will occur—do not pick or scratch.
- Ink may flake or appear dull temporarily; colors will brighten once fully healed.

What to Avoid

- ✗ Do not pick, scratch, or peel scabs.
- ✗ Do not soak tattoo in water (baths, pools, hot tubs, oceans, lakes) until fully healed.
- ✗ Do not expose tattoo to direct sunlight or tanning beds during healing.
- ✗ Do not apply Vaseline, Neosporin, alcohol, or peroxide.
- ✗ Do not wear tight, abrasive clothing over your tattoo.

Long-Term Care

- Once healed, always apply sunscreen (SPF 30+) to keep your tattoo looking fresh.
- Keep skin moisturized to preserve ink vibrancy.
- Schedule touch-ups with your artist if needed.

Signs of Trouble

- ⚠ Contact your doctor and notify us if you notice:
 - Excessive redness, swelling, or heat around the tattoo
 - Thick yellow or green discharge with odor
 - Severe or increasing pain
 - Fever or chills

Thank you for trusting Inked Tuna Tattoo with your artwork. Take care of it—it's yours for life!

Questions or Concerns?

We're here to help!

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