



## World Famous Monkey House Customs

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# Tattoo Aftercare Recommendations

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** *Always wash your hands before touching your tattoo so as not to introduce any bacteria.*

### **Soaker Pad instructions:**

***Do not leave your bandage on for more than 2 hours***

- If the bandage sticks, wet it thoroughly to remove. Wash the tattoo gently with anti-bacterial soap to cleanse all plasma & ink. Rinse well with cold water and allow to air dry.

### **SkinLock™, Liquid Bandage instructions:**

- If a liquid bandage (SkinLock™) is placed over your tattoo it should be removed **4** hours after placement with Dial Soap™ and warm water. After removal a non-petroleum-based ointment should be applied & regular aftercare should be followed throughout the healing process.

### **Saniderm, clear sticker bandage instructions:**

- Saniderm can be left on your tattoo for 6 days. During this time if ANY irritation, excess redness, swelling, heat or puss occurs remove the bandage immediately using Dial Soap and warm water.
- When removing your bandage use warm water and soap or coconut oil to help the adhesive release from the skin.
- Immediately wash your tattoo with Dial Soap. A non-petroleum-based ointment should be applied & regular aftercare should be followed for one full week (or the duration of a full two weeks if you remove it sooner).
- When your tattoo is two weeks old, move to **week #3 instructions**.

## **Tattoo Care: Weeks #1 & 2**

***After your bandage is removed immediately wash with dial soap.***

- Wash with Dial Soap 2 times daily.
- Apply a thin layer of non-petroleum based ointment after each washing.
- Apply more ointment as needed throughout the day (4-6 times total). Do NOT allow your tattoo to get dried out too much!
- Do NOT immerse your tattoo in water for longer than a few minutes. This means no swimming pools, hot tubs or lakes until it is fully healed.
- Showering IS fine.

### **Week #3 Instructions**

After two weeks stop using Dial Soap. Continue to use ointment 1-2 times daily for the duration of the month. (Two more weeks)

### **What to Expect**

- *The tattoo WILL itch as it is healing.* Do NOT scratch or pick at it! This could result in color loss and/or infection. Remember, it IS an open wound! It CAN get infected if neglected!
- Avoid direct contact to your tattoo with any pets, *especially cats*. Cat dander can get into a tattoo and cause infection.
- Avoid ANY direct sunlight exposure to your fresh tattoo. Do not put sunscreen on your tattoo until it is fully healed. Once healed, sunscreen is recommended to protect the color.
- A fresh tattoo will be sore for 2-3 days, however any redness or swelling should subside within 24-48 hours.
- *Signs of Infection include:* Excessive redness, swelling, severe itching, pus, and fever. Contact us and your health care professional if you experience any of the symptoms.

### **Covering Your Tattoo**

Never cover or wrap your tattoo in a porous material. (I.e. Band-Aid, gauze, etc.)

If you feel the need to cover your tattoo during the first 2-3 days, always use plastic wrap. **\*\*Change the plastic wrap every few hours, washing with dial soap & applying ointment between changes to ensure infection does not occur.**

Covering your tattoo is NOT a must and should NOT be done past day #3.