



# SHADY LADY TATTOO PARLOUR

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## HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR NEW TATTOO

Always wash your hands **FIRST!** – Before handling your tattoo –

*Leave the initial covering on for 1 to 3 hours.*

*If your bandage sticks soak it with warm water before removing.*

Over the next 48 hours you can expect a thin scab to form on your tattoo. It is very important that the protective scab is allowed to stay intact for as long as naturally possible. Follow these instructions for the next 2 to 3 weeks, or as long as there is still a scab on your tattoo.

*Wash your tattoo daily.*

Use only your fingers to gently lather the tattoo, using diluted liquid tea tree soap or liquid antibacterial hand soap. Rinse with cool water, and carefully pat dry with a paper towel. **NEVER rub the tattoo with any kind of sponge, washrag, or towel while it is wet, as the scab is very soft and fragile when it is wet.**

*Apply sparingly (only enough to make it shiny) A&D Ointment for the initial healing.*

Reapply as needed. After 48 hours, switch to a fragrance free hypoallergenic lotion (Lubriderm, Cetaphyl, Neutrogena) applied several times a day. Apply sparingly and massage in gently so it is completely absorbed by the skin and not lingering on the surface. If you experience redness or discomfort from your lotion, discontinue use and resume thin applications of A&D Ointment.

*After about 48 hours, your tattoo will begin to itch.*

This is your body's natural reaction to something foreign under the skin. If you scratch and lift the scab, your body will reject the ink and you will have missing spots in your tattoo.

**DO NOT PICK OR SCRATCH!**

*Do not swim or soak your new tattoo in water.*

Prolonged exposure to water will draw the ink from your skin. A quick shower is fine, but do not allow the spray of the water to beat directly on your tattoo. Heavily chlorinated water is also very bad for your tattoo.

*Do not tan your tattoo while it is healing.*

Keep it covered or avoid sun altogether. After it is healed use a strong sun block to preserve the colors.

*If any sign of redness or irritation occurs, discontinue the soap or lotion you are using.*

Discontinue immediately and consult your tattooist for other product suggestions. If the tattoo appears to be infected, begin using antibiotic ointment such as Bacitracin; apply sparingly, just enough to make it shiny.

(We **DO NOT** recommend you use Neosporin, as it might *draw the ink from your tattoo.*)

**If irritation continues for more than two days, or spreads at all, consult a physician immediately!**

*SHADY LADY offers a free touchup within 6 months of receiving your tattoo if any part of your tattoo does not hold after the initial healing. This policy does not apply if you disregard any of these instructions.*

**ENJOY YOUR NEW TATTOO!  
CALL US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!!!!**