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TATTOO AFTER-CARE

- Leave the bandage on for 4-6 hours after you get a tattoo. You may want to show it off but it's on there for a reason.
- Once the tattoo has stopped bleeding you can remove the bandage gently. If it sticks, wet it with warm water.
- Wash your hands then wash the tattoo with your fingers and mild soap, rinse and pat dry. If you use healing ointments (A+D or Vit E), put a thin layer on the tattoo twice a day for two days.
- Apply a non-scented body lotion (Lubriderm) when tattoo becomes dry and flaky.
- Some scabbing and peeling will occur. Do not pick or scratch (scarring and ink loss).
- Keep clothing clean and loose around the fresh tattoo. Stay out of pools, lakes, hot-tubs and direct sunlight until fully healed.
- If infected, use a NON-corticoid cream-based topical antibiotic twice a day for ten days.
- Apply sunscreen when healed.
- Healing time approximately 10-14 days.