

Black Sacrament Tattoo

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General Tattoo Aftercare Procedure

1. Remove bandage after 2-3 hours. The tattoo may stick to or stain bed sheets and clothing. Be sure to maintain clean bedding throughout the healing process (about 2 weeks).

2. After removing the bandage, wash the tattoo immediately with warm water and antibacterial soap. We recommend plain Dial soap out of a pump bottle. No bar soap or soap with fragrance, moisture beads, or scrubs.

PROCESS FOR WASHING A FRESH TATTOO:

3. Only use CLEAN HANDS to wash your tattoo. NO washcloths, bath towels, bath sponges or loofahs on a fresh tattoo

- Make a lather in your hand with soap and warm water
- Gently clean tattoo using a circular motion, until all ointment, blood, and excess ink
- Rinse the tattoo with cool water until the skin is clean
- Use a clean paper towel to dab the tattoo and allow to air dry

4. Once the tattoo is completely dry apply AQUAPHOR or other healing ointments made specifically for tattoos. Apply a thin layer with clean hands and rub it in, then dab excess off with a clean paper towel. Use the ointment for the first 2-3 days then switch to a regular FRAGRANCE FREE lotion such as Lubriderm, or any other fragrance free brand.

5. Fresh tattoos sometimes “weep” during the first couple of days, meaning that plasma and ink form a thin moist coating on the skin. This can be DABBED with a clean paper towel. Press the paper towel to the skin and remove, do not wipe the tattoo.

6. For the first week, clean your tattoo using the above procedures 2-3 times a day. Lotion may be applied to the tattoo as it dries out, do not over apply ointment or lotion as it will cause the tattoo to scab and/or fade. Aftercare products may cause acne-like break outs. If this happens, simply reduce the frequency of moisturizing and continue to wash your skin regularly.

7. Usually around the end of the first week, the tattoo will begin to form flaky scabs that will fall off on their own. DO NOT PICK OR SCRATCH AT YOUR TATTOO. Keep it moisturized and the scabs will slough eventually. It normally takes 2-4 weeks for a tattoo to completely heal.

TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL HEALING:

- Avoid sun exposure as much as possible while your tattoo is healing.
- **Do not swim or soak your tattoo for at least 2 weeks.**

Wear loose, preferably cotton clothing over the fresh tattoo.

The tattoo does not need to be re-bandaged except in certain, rare instances.

A bra strap, tight waistband, sweaty gym shoe or itchy cotton sweater can potentially create healing problems.

Consult your tattoo artist for advice on what clothing to wear/avoid.

Please do not consult your friends about healing issues, as everyone's experience is unique.

If you have ANY questions about your healing, please contact your artist or call the shop.

If an adverse reaction or infection develops at the site of your tattoo, contact your personal physician for treatment and report to SNHD special programs at (702)759-0677.