

# FLAMIN'EIGHT

## *Aftercare of your new tattoo - Second Skin*

If your tattoo has been covered using a Second Skin “dressing” please follow the following guidelines.

You can keep this on for up to 3 days.

The tattoo will bleed a bit and the plastic dressing may fill with fluid and hide the tattoo or make it look messy. This is quite normal and your tattoo is fine under the fluid.

If you feel uncomfortable with the dressing for any reason, you may remove it earlier and the following after care is the same whether you have it on for 12 hours or 2 to 3 days.

Carefully remove the film preferably under warm water, it is advisable to pull at one corner horizontally along the skin so it gently unsticks, try not to pull it off as you would a plaster.

Wash the fresh tattoo using a mild unscented soap, with something like Sanex or Dove or Simple. Please do not use antibacterial soaps as this can affect the healing.

Be sure to wash off any residue and pat the tattoo dry carefully with a clean kitchen towel or something similar, to avoid any fibres being left on the tattoo.

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Apply a thin layer of the recommended cream / lotion, this is just to moisturise the surface. It should look shinny, not white on the skin.

If the tattoo is still wet or weeping after a few hours give it a gentle wash pat dry and re-apply cream / lotion sparingly.

Apply cream / lotion a few times a day to keep the tattoo lightly moisturised, do not over apply the cream as this will delay healing and may damage the healing tattoo.

Clean the tattoo daily but do not soak it or scrub it as this will delay healing and may damage the healing tattoo.

It is normal for the healing tattoo to itch please do not scratch it some redness is possible and if the early healing instructions are not followed carefully some scabbing is possible, do not pick or scratch as again this will delay healing and may affect the final result.

No swimming, saunas or steam rooms. No soaking in the bath or exposing to direct sunlight during the healing period. Cover with loose clothing and treat the tattoo hygienically at all times during healing.

Your tattoo will normally take around 3 weeks to heal. Please contact the shop directly if you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help!