

3D Nipple Tattoo Aftercare

What to expect:

For the first several days, the color intensity of your procedure to be significantly sharper, brighter, or darker than what is expected for the final outcome. It will take time for the transition to final color, usually about 2-4 weeks.

- Days 1-4, the area will be a bit red and maybe sore, take bandage off in 12-24 hrs
- Days 3-6, the area may flake bits of color, this is normal
- Days 5-9 the area will look dry
- Approximately 2 weeks the skin should be back to normal and the color be mostly settled, all normal activity can be resumed
- Weeks 2-4 the skin is going through final healing and the color may change very slightly.

Aftercare is simple:

- Always wash hands before doing anything to your tattooed area
- Remove initial bandage in 12-24 hours, a second bandage may be used for 3-5 days (tat2 derm or tagaderm only)
- Wash once daily with clean fingers, warm water and gentle soap. Showers are fine.
- Use an unscented lotion or cocoa butter 2-3x daily, avoid letting it dry out or over moisturizing

Tattoos are broken skin, so treat kindly and carefully. For best healing avoid:

- Soaking: hot tubs, swimming, etc, showers are fine
- Gyms and other places where bacteria dwells, exercise is fine, just wash after
- Don't pick or scratch the tattooed area, use lotion to help with any itching
- In the rare incidents where there are signs of potential infection (increased redness, heat and pain around the area) a triple antibiotic cream maybe used instead of other aftercare as labeled usually 2-3x daily. This will generally clear it up with in 1-2 days. Call the studio or your doctor if you suspect any problems.

Tattoo healing tips:

- Always use clean fingers when washing or applying lotion
- Wear clothing that will not rub or be too tight, most bras are fine
- Use common sense

Care must be taken to ensure the best possible healing and results and failure to follow instructions may negatively impact outcomes. Dragonfly considers tattooing to be fine art and you now have a work in progress. Enjoy the work of art that is you and feel free to contact the studio with any questions.

I, _____, understand the importance of following these after-care instructions for the best healing and aesthetic outcome of my tattoo work.