

AFTERCARE

APPLYING THE BANDAGE

Your artist will apply a layer of Dermal Shield. The film is pre-cut for easy application. The film will cover the tattoo fully, overlapping the strips by a centimeter or two, allowing the film to be peeled off in essentially one piece. Leave this application on overnight or up to five days as instructed by your artist based on the amount of pigment saturation.

REMOVING THE BANDAGE

After the prescribed duration, you will remove the application. To remove, slowly peel the film in a parallel motion from your skin while holding your skin down with your other hand. The peel will be sensitive but should come off fairly easy due to the amount of blood and plasma still seeping from the skin. We have adhesive remover available for purchase should you need more assistance with bandage removal. It may be easier to remove the bandage in the shower; to do so we recommend gently peeling the edges off the covered area until the entire border is rolled back an inch or two (you may do this while the shower is heating as the steam will aid in the process), then enter the shower and direct the water behind the bandage to slowly remove it. Wash the tattooed area gently while avoiding full submersion and excessive shower water pressure. You will then allow the tattoo to dry completely before applying an extremely sheer amount of Wild Rose.

TIPS FOR REMOVAL

Taking Ibuprofen 30 minutes before removal can help with possible discomfort

Lift a corner of the film and stretch it parallel to the surface of the skin, while avoiding tearing the film; continue pulling the film around the entire edge until finally pulling on opposite sides so the center lifts

If the film sticks in places during removal, try using warm water and gentle rubbing to slowly remove. Some people find it much easier to take Dermal Shield off slowly with the help of soap and water, while some find it harder to remove in the shower.

► WHAT IS DERMAL SHIELD?

Dermal Shield is a thin, self-adhesive film that provides a moist healing environment during the initial, and most critical, healing stage of a tattoo. It protects the new tattoo from friction and provides a waterproof, antibacterial barrier that prevents pathogens and external contaminants from entering the wound. The film is breathable, letting oxygen in and allowing excess moisture vapor to be released from the tattoo. It's light to wear, flexible, and stretchable, which allows it to be placed anywhere on the body, with the ability to stay put for up to several days. Dermal Shield provides reduced scabbing, reduced risk of infection, no rubbing from clothes or other external factors that will damage the tattoo.

CARING FOR YOUR TATTOO

Your tattoo needs air to heal, so loose-fitting and non-rubbing clothes are preferable. Avoid working up a sweat within the first few days after getting tattooed.

Always wash your hands thoroughly before and after treating your tattoo to prevent infection or contamination. Consult with a doctor if infection sets in.

Most if not all of the peeling stage is bypassed with use of Dermal Shield but light peeling is still possible after use; allow this to occur naturally. Do not pick. If itching occurs, do not scratch, but rather gently pat or slap in order to relieve yourself.

Do not fully submerge the tattoo or let the shower spray hit it directly. Do not expose the tattoo to pools, tubs, lakes, tanning beds, or direct sunlight during the next month. After the tattoo is fully healed, continue preventing any exposure to sunlight or tanning beds, protecting the healed piece with clothing or multiple coats of a high SPF sunscreen.