Avoid picking or scratching at the area as you’ll damage the Tattoo and potentially pick out ink, if it’s itchy gently tap the area or apply more cream. **AVOID** direct sunlight and sunbeds, keep Tattoo covered with loose breathable clothing, and continue to moisturise until fully healed.

**DO NOT** soak the Tattoo in the bath or go swimming during the healing process, as you risk the tattoo not healing properly and causing infection.

Gently Wash the Tattoo at least twice a day with warm water and unscented antibacterial soap, then reapply aftercare cream.

**Note- Whilst you have the ‘second skin’ on you can shower normally, as it is waterproof, but once removed try not to soak the area for too long in water.**

**Please be aware your Tattoo will flake as excess skin sheds, it may seem unusual, but it is completely normal, it roughly takes around 2-4 weeks for this to stop, the Tattoo should be fully healed on the surface after 4 weeks and takes up to 6 months to fully heal beneath the skin, however, everyone’s skin heals differently, some faster some slower.**

**Part 1:** Remove ‘second skin’ (between 3-5 days post application) ideally remove under warm water or whilst in the shower (**Do not soak in bath**) lift the first corner up and let the water go under the ‘second skin’ to dull the stickiness, then use a pulling motion against the ‘second skin’ as it causes less irritation to the Tattoo.

**Part 2:** Once fully removed, use an unscented antibacterial soap with warm water, to wash off any excess ink and clean the area, then pat dry with a **CLEAN** paper towel. Then apply a thin layer of aftercare cream (I personally recommend Coco butter or similar) but go with what works best for you (if you’ve had Tattoos previously and as long as it’s safe to use on Tattoos). Always reapply the cream every couple of hours to stop the Tattoo from drying out.

**NOTE: If you experience signs of infection please seek medical advice immediately.**

**It is your responsibility to look after your Tattoo once you have left your Tattoo Artists care.**

**Step 3**

Once the Tattoo is finished your Artist will apply a product called ‘**second skin**’ to protect your Tattoo during the most important days of the healing process. It is vital that you keep this on for 3-5 days, unless you experience any discomfort or irritation in the area that is unusual (contact Artist if you’re unsure on whether there might be a problem or not) **Note**- keep area covered, if ‘**second skin**’ is damaged, immediately remove it gently under warm water, pulling it off slowly avoiding damage to the Tattoo. Then follow on from step 2.

If you’re unable to have the ‘**second skin**’ due to allergy reasons, please leave the alternative Tattoo covering on for the first 4 hours then follow on **step 2** from ‘**part 2’**.

**Step 2**

**Step 1**

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