



Before tattooing

Make sure to have eaten and to be well-rested before your appointment. A good idea may be to bring a soda or some sweets and snacks to the shop.

If the body is charged, you generally feel better afterwards and can endure more.

Wear clothes that you don't mind, it easily happens that tattoo ink can get on the fabrics and they can be very hard to remove.

It is also very important that you, as a customer, take your part in caring for your hygiene in our working environment. If you would get a cold or a sickness prior to your appointment, we would appreciate if you contacted your tattooer to re-schedule rather than coming anyway and risk someone getting infected. Also, the risks of complications during the healing process are higher if the immune system is decreased.

Before your appointment: Shower and wear clean clothes. When entering the studio; disinfect your hands and leave your jackets/bags in the hall. Only bring your valuables with you into the studio.

We here at PineCone Gallery wish that you arrive to your appointment without bringing further acquaintances with you. This, since we have a limited area for visitors but also so that we can have such a calm working environment as possible.

Aftercare

The aftercare stated below is just general advice. Your tattoo artist might have given unique instructions for your specific tattoo and placement. Follow your tattooist's instructions first and if you have any questions - don't hesitate to get in touch.

Leave the plastic on for 3-4 hours, but not longer than maximum 8. Only touch your tattoo with cleaned and disinfected hands. During the healing process, no one else is to come in contact with the tattoo.

With clean hands, remove the plastic. Wash the tattoo with lukewarm water and a mild soap in the shower, to get rid of all the vaseline and wound liquid. An example of mild soap could be Lactacyd.

Let the tattoo air dry for 5-10 minutes or carefully dab it with a clean towel. After that, using clean hands, you carefully rub on a thin layer of aftercare. Bepanthen can be bought in local pharmacies and is a well-used and recommended aftercare ointment, but it is however not vegan. In the shop we sell an aftercare ointment we like that is also cruelty-free - Tattoo Goo Lotion.

If you are more individuals in the household, make sure to have your own tube of cream. Do not share with each other. During the healing process, the tattoo should be greased regularly. It is important to avoid it getting dry, at the same time one shouldn't put on too much cream and prevent the skin from breathing. 3-4 times a day is usually reasonable during the first week, and after that you can do it a little less the second week.

Keep in mind that a tattoo is an open wound and use common sense during the aftercare period. Make sure to wear clean and soft clothes in contact with the tattoo and clean bed sheets. Do not let pets get in contact with the tattoo!

Wash it off morning and night using lukewarm water and mild soap during the healing process.

After a few days, a crust will appear on the tattoo. Keep using the ointment as prescribed, sometimes maybe even a little more, since the crusted skin tends to run drier.

It is common that the tattoo at this stage starts to itch. Do not scratch it! A light pat of the hand usually helps.

Do not put your fresh tattoo in contact with sun, sauna, solarium, bathtubs, swimhouses etc. during the healing phase.

A tattoo is nothing but an open wound in the beginning and there are a lot of bacteria in these environments that could infect your tattoo. Swimming too soon can cause the crust to dissolve at a too early stage and leave the tattoo unsolid.

In case of complications during the healing period, we would be happy if you could contact your tattooer as soon as possible so we can assist with advice and support. There is always a risk when getting tattooed and because of this, it's very important that you follow the aftercare instructions. There is always a certain responsibility of your own for a successful healing.

Thank you for getting tattooed by us! //PineCone Gallery Crew



PINECONE GALLERY

Tattoo studio