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Blessed in Ink

## Aftercare Procedure

1. \*\*Wash Hands:\*\* Remember to wash hands before caring for or touching your tattoo.

2. \*\*Remove Bandage After 24 Hours:\*\* Run warm water on the bandage as you remove it for easier removal.

3. \*\*Cleanse with Antibacterial Soap:\*\* Wash the tattoo with fragrance-free antibacterial soap.

4. **\*\*Rinse Thoroughly:**\*\* Rinse with warm water, then cold water to aid in ink retention. \*Do this every time you apply new ointment.

5. \*\*Pat Dry:\*\* Gently pat the tattoo dry with a soft paper towel; avoid rubbing.

6. **\*\*Apply Ointment:**\*\* When dry, use a minimal amount of ointment (Hustle Butter or Tattoo ointment) twice a day for the first 3 to 4 days. After peeling ends (around 4 to 5 days), switch to an unscented lotion such as Lubriderm.

7. \*\*Moderate Moisturizing:\*\* Apply a thin layer of ointment; excessive moisturizing can hinder healing.

8. \*\*Consider Non-Petroleum-Based Ointments:\*\* Some preferred alternatives: Tattoo Goo (sold at King Soopers)

9. \*\*Avoid Tight Clothing:\*\* Wear loose, breathable clothing to minimize friction.

10. \*\*Hydrate and Eat Well:\*\* Support the healing process with proper hydration and a healthy diet.

11. \*\*Lotion Options:\*\* unscented lotions ONLY after initial healing phase, such as Lubriderm.

12. **\*\*Mild Exercise is Okay:\*\*** light exercise is encouraged; avoid activities causing excessive sweating or friction.

13. \*\*Sun Protection:\*\* Protect your tattoo from direct sunlight, even after it's healed.

14. \*\*No Long Showers:\*\* Stick to short showers until completely healed (approximately 2-3 weeks).

15. **\*\*Be Mindful of Sleeping:\*\*** During the first days, expect ink, blood, or lymph seepage, as it may stain fabrics.

16. \*\*Bruising and Redness:\*\* Be aware that bruising or redness may occur during the healing process.

17. **\*\*No Picking or Scratching:\*\*** Allow loose skin and scabs to come off naturally in the shower or during ointment application.

18. \*\*Avoid Soaking:\*\* Do not soak your tattoo in pools, oceans, baths, hot tubs, etc.

\*\*Note:\*\* If you have any questions or concerns during the healing process, please contact us.