

\* courtesy of onion rot \*

# Tattoo Aftercare

## Saniderm Bandage [second skin]

- ★ Leave your saniderm bandage on for 2-3 days.
- ★ Your bandage is water resistant, not waterproof.
  - ☆ You can shower with it on, but do NOT soak or submerge it in water.
- ★ While your bandage is on avoid baths, heavy sweating, and swimming.
  - ☆ You don't want any sweat or water trapped underneath the bandage that can cause infection.
- ★ Don't expose your bandage to a lengthy time in direct sunlight, the adhesive can melt.
  - ☆ It will make the bandage much more difficult to remove.
- ★ Inside your bandage you may have some buildup of fluids, this is completely normal.
- ★ If your bandage gets punctured, remove it immediately.
- ★ If you notice redness, itching, or bumps around the borders of your bandage remove it.
  - ☆ This can happen if your skin is sensitive to the adhesive.
- ★ You don't have to do anything to your tattoo while the bandage is on, it's doing all the work for you.

## Removing Saniderm Bandage

- ★ Work warm water and unscented antibacterial soap around the bandage.
  - ☆ I like to do this in the shower, the steam helps the removal process.
- ★ For soap I like Dial Gold, but any unscented antibacterial soap will do.
- ★ Peel off the bandage slowly, do not rip it off.
- ★ Once it's removed, gently wash and rinse your tattoo with the soap.
- ★ Avoid direct spray from the shower, as your new tattoo could be sensitive.
- ★ Let your new tattoo air dry, or pat dry with a paper towel.
- ★ For single needle tattoos use only unscented lotion for moisturizer. LubriDerm is my favorite brand for this.
  - ☆ For tattoos with shading and solid areas use a small amount of Aquaphor for the first few days.

## Post Bandage Removal

- ★ For about a week after you remove your bandage, wash your tattoo when you wake up in the morning.
- ★ Make sure to keep your tattoo moisturized, but not overly moisturized.
- ★ Make sure to rub all moisturizer all the way in, you don't want a layer sitting on top.
- ★ There's no need to rewrap/cover your tattoo.
- ★ It's normal for your tattoo to be flakey and dry, do not pick at the flakes.
- ★ Apply sunscreen when in direct sunlight.