

# APPARITION TATTOO



## Aftercare Instructions

There are different aftercare instructions depending on which bandage we use after your appointment. Please find the relevant section below and follow the steps carefully. Aftercare is crucial to the outcome of your healed tattoo.

### *Clear Adhesive Bandage:*

- Wear the bandage for 5-7 days. Refrain from strenuous activity, swimming, and sun exposure while the tattoo is healing. Please note that there will be some fluid build up inside the bandage - this is completely normal. Do not puncture the bandage or remove it prematurely.
- After 5-7 days, remove the bandage by slowly pulling it away from your body under running water.
- Gently cleanse the area with warm water and unscented soap until debris & adhesive is removed.
- Cleanse and apply a thin layer of Aquaphor to the entire tattooed area twice a day for 1 week after bandage removal. This will help reduce itching and aid in the healing process.
- After 8 weeks, the tattoo will be completely healed and you can use a moisturizer of your choice to help maintain your work. Sunscreen is also strongly recommended once the tattoo is healed, as sun damage will significantly impact the quality of your tattoo.

### *Padded Gauze Bandage:*

- Wear the bandage overnight. Refrain from strenuous activity, swimming, and sun exposure while the tattoo is healing.
- Remove the bandage in the morning and gently cleanse the area with warm water and unscented soap until completely clean. Air dry or pat dry the area with a clean paper towel after washing.
- Cleanse and apply a thin layer of Aquaphor to the entire tattooed area every morning and night for 5 days after bandage removal. There should constantly be a layer of Aquaphor on your tattoo until the shedding is complete in order to prevent scabbing and scarring. This will help also reduce itching and contamination during the healing process. This step is crucial to the outcome of your tattoo.