

# FIFTH ELEMENT

## — TATTOO GALLERY —

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### TATTOO AFTER CARE:

Keep in mind that it takes 3 weeks to a month for a tattoo to heal properly. All tattoos will itch and peel while healing, do not pick or scratch at your new tattoo no matter how much it itches. Using an unscented moisturizer such as Lubriderm or Cetaphil can help relive some of the itching. Do not submerge a new tattoo in water during the healing process. This means no pools, hot tubs or baths for the first 3-4 weeks (showers are ok). Do not expose your tattoo to the sun or tanning bed, once the tattoo has healed use sunblock though out your tattoos life.

#### **Traditional Healing**

Remove the bandage when you are in a clean environment and you are able to clean the tattoo. Do not leave the bandage on any more than 3 hours or any less than 45 minutes. Wash thoroughly with warm water and clean hands; use an unscented/dye free anti-bacterial soap. Pat dry and apply a very, very thin coat of A+D ointment (coconut oil can also be used). Repeat this process 3-4 times a day for 3 days, after 72 hours switch to an unscented moisturizer such as Lubriderm or Cetaphil. After the 4<sup>th</sup> day you will start to notice some scabbing, let scabs fall off naturally and do not pick at them, picking can damage any unhealed portions of the tattoo. Wash the tattoo gently 3 times throughout the day and make sure it stays clean.

#### **Saniderm**

Leave protective bandage on for the next 5-7 days. If your artist sent you home with an additional bandage wear the original for 24-30 hours before switching bandages, take off the old bandage in the shower before applying the new one. Clean and dry the area thoroughly, the drier the skin the better the bandage will stick.

To remove bandage, gently pull the back over itself in the direction of hair growth.

More info can be found about Saniderm by visiting [Saniderm.com/how-to-use/](http://Saniderm.com/how-to-use/)

You are welcome to contact the shop at any time for any additional questions and we will be happy to answer them.



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