# **BLACK ANGELS INK AFTERCARE**

Professional guidance to protect your artwork and heal clean.

#### Clean

- Wash gently with **clean hands only** while in the shower. Do not submerge in water (baths, hot tubs, pools).
- Use a **non≡scented antibacterial soap** Dial Gold preferred or any mild, unscented soap.
- Do not use rags, sponges, loofahs, or exfoliants on the tattoo.
- Rinse with lukewarm water, then **pat dry** using a clean paper towel (no rubbing).

#### Protect

- Let your tattoo air out and breathe as much as possible.
- When it feels dry or tight, apply 2–3 nickel■sized amounts of Aquaphor or Hustle Butter. Rub in lightly like lotion, 3× per day.
- If you must wrap (for work or sleep), **do not apply ointment underneath**. Moisture trapped by wet ink, ointment, or sweat can over**s**saturate and damage the tattoo.
- After the first few days, you may switch to a **fragrance free lotion** if preferred. Use thin layers—more is not better.

### ■ Stay Away From Sun & Strain

- Avoid sun exposure during healing. No tanning beds. After healing, always use high■SPF sunscreen to protect the art.
- No swimming or soaking (pools, ocean, lakes, hot tubs, baths) for 2-3 weeks.
- Avoid heavy workouts or friction on the tattooed area for 2–3 weeks. Wear loose, breathable clothing.

## ■ Extra Tips

- Do not pick, scratch, or peel scabs/flakes—let them fall off naturally to avoid scarring or ink loss.
- Itching is normal. Tap gently or moisturize lightly; do not scratch.
- Typical surface healing is **2–4 weeks**; full skin recovery can take longer. Healing varies by person and placement.
- If you notice signs of infection (spreading redness, swelling, heat, severe pain, discharge), contact your artist or a healthcare professional promptly.

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This guide provides general aftercare. If your artist gave you specific instructions, follow those.