

GLOBE ELECTRIC

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BEFORE

If you have any questions about your design or would like to supply me with additional information, please email me at info@globetattooedc.com.

If you must cancel an appointment, please contact the Jinx Proof front desk at 202-337-5469. If you wish to reschedule an appointment, you can call the Jinx Proof front desk or email me directly. As much advance notice as possible is greatly appreciated. A minimum of 48 hours notice is required to avoid loss of your deposit.

Please be on time for your appointment. If you are running late, please notify us as soon as possible. You should show up for your appointment well-rested and having eaten a decent meal within the last two hours. You should not drink alcohol on the day of your appointment and should not drink to excess on the day prior to your appointment. You should wear comfortable, inexpensive clothing that will allow easy access to the area being tattooed.

Feel free to bring any of the following to your appointment: iPad, iPod or similar device (with headphones), sunglasses (a bright light will be pointed at you throughout the process), a small clean blanket, and/or a snack or beverage (high in sugar if you are prone to fainting or nausea).

If you are getting work on your torso or legs, you may want to bring: A freshly laundered towel from home, an extra pillow (one will be provided for you), and/or a light jacket or zippered sweatshirt.

PLEASE DO NOT WEAR ANY COLOGNE, PERFUME, SCENTED LOTION, BODY SPRAY OR ANY OTHER FRAGRANCE PRODUCT WHEN VISITING THE SHOP.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING FRIENDS WITH YOU FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT. THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SIT WITH YOU OR WAIT IN THE LOBBY WHILE YOUR WORK IS DONE.

We appreciate your cooperation.

AFTER

I have taken the utmost care to protect your health while tattooing you. During the healing process, that responsibility is yours. Please follow these instructions carefully and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns during the healing process.

1. Remove bandage in 3-12 hours. (If you have been advised to re-bandage your tattoo, see notes below.)
2. Wash your tattoo 2-3 times per day. (see notes below)
3. After washing your tattoo apply a thin coat of ointment such as Aquaphor or Vitamin A&D. (see notes below)
4. After 3-5 days, your tattoo will begin to flake (similar to a healing sunburn). You can now substitute a mild moisturizer such as Curel for the ointment.
DO NOT PICK AT THE FLAKES.
5. When the tattoo is no longer flaking, it is superficially healed. It is normal for the new skin to appear shiny and for the tattoo to have an artificial or "plastic" appearance. If you continue to use moisturizer, it will speed up the rest of the healing process. Over the course of 1-2 more weeks, the tattoo will begin to look like you were born with it.

WASHING YOUR TATTOO

Before washing your tattoo, make sure that you have thoroughly washed your hands. Using your hands (not a washrag), wash the tattoo with warm water and a mild soap such as Ivory or Dial. Avoid soaps with fragrance, dyes, or moisturizers. As you wash the tattoo, you will notice that it will transition from feeling somewhat slick to more of a "squeaky clean" feeling. At this point, you are finished washing it. Rinse the tattoo off well and pat it dry gently with a clean towel. You will not be able to get it completely dry, so let it air dry for a few minutes. You are now ready for ointment.

APPLYING OINTMENT

Once your tattoo is clean, use clean hands to apply a thin layer of Aquaphor or Vitamin A&D ointment to it. The ointment should be used sparingly and be gently rubbed into the skin like lotion. Remember that you are merely trying to avoid dryness, not achieve greasiness. Excessive amounts of ointment can clog pores and cause a rash. If you have difficulty getting the ointment on in a thin coat, a clean towel can be used to blot the excess ointment from the tattoo. Should a thick, hard scab develop, we recommend using Vitamin E Oil on that area to prevent scarring.

RE-BANDAGING YOUR HEALING TATTOO

1. A bandage should not be worn for more than 8 hours at a time. Your tattoo needs to "breathe" in order to heal properly.
2. Immediately before applying the bandage and immediately after removing the bandage, you must thoroughly wash your tattoo and apply the appropriate moisturizer.
3. I will provide bandages for you if they are required. Should you misplace them, use non-stick bandages (found easily at CVS) DO NOT USE GAUZE!
4. If you are wearing a bandage to protect your tattoo from clothing-related damage (e.g. under a bra-strap or waistband) during your work day, please remove the bandages and change into loose fitting clothing once you get home.
5. When bandaging the tattoo, do not tape or wrap it too tightly.

IF YOU SUSPECT THAT YOUR TATTOO HAS BECOME INFECTED OR THAT YOU ARE HAVING AN ALLERGIC REACTION:

Some degree of swelling, redness, and soreness is to be expected during the healing process, especially during the first three days. The development of a pronounced rash, excessive swelling, fever, chills, and/or the discharge of pus are all signs of possible infection. If you suspect that your tattoo has become infected or that you are having an allergic reaction to the pigment, please contact me and seek medical attention from a physician.

