

ROUGE · INK

AFTERCARE FOR LIPS

Every client's skin responds uniquely to different procedures and treatments. This information should act as a guideline only. Please read all these instructions thoroughly. A single procedure generally does not guarantee a complete outcome. In most cases, we need to see how our clients deposit pigment and review the healing process after the first procedure. This is why a touch-up procedure is imperative for ideal results.

Please be patient and trust the process!

IMMEDIATE AFTERCARE

- Day 1-2: Always wash your hands before touching your tattoo. Gently wipe your tattoo with cotton rounds and lukewarm water 4 hours after your appointment. With a Q-tip, reapply a moderate layer of the advised ointment. Please continue to wipe and re-moisturize them for the next 2 days every ~4 hours, to avoid build up of lymph fluid. NO water directly on the tattoo for 10 days, and please avoid showering for as long as you can these first 2 days (or keep it very short).
- Day 3-14: Continue to apply ointment (no need to continue wiping), never allow the lips to dry (if they feel tight or as though they're cracking, you need to re-apply more often!)
It is advised to avoid spicy or very astringent food, and to use a straw for drinking water.

DO NOT GET WATER DIRECTLY INTO YOUR TATTOO FOR THE 14 DAY HEALING PERIOD. WASH YOUR FACE WITH A WASHCLOTH OR A FACIAL WIPE, AND TILT YOUR HEAD BACK IN THE SHOWER WHEN WASHING YOUR HAIR.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Most clients require at least two sessions for ideal results. Please be patient during this process! The 1st session is to build shape and balance; the 2nd session is to further refine the lips, fill in any gaps and add density.
 - Immediately following the procedure, your lips may experience discomfort and tenderness in the treated area. Many clients describe a similar sensation to a sunburn, with some redness and swelling. Symptoms will subside within 24-48 hours.
- During the first 3-5 days, your lips will initially appear to be darker and more sharply defined than the final result. This is normal, they will lighten after a few days a layer of skin sheds. Your tattoo may also look like it has lightened significantly and disappeared. This is normal, as your skin is regenerating new cells. The color will return.
- Scabbing, flaking and dryness of the skin is normal after the first several days of the healing period. To avoid loss of pigmentation, do NOT itch or remove scabs prematurely. They will naturally fall off on their own.
 - Cosmetic tattoos require patience! Your tattoo will go through many phases as it heals.
- Results vary from client to client. It can take anywhere from 2-8 weeks for the regeneration process to complete, at which point you will see the true color.

DUE TO THE HIGH VOLUME OF EMAILS WE RECEIVE, WE ASK OUR CLIENTS TO PLEASE TRY AND REFRAIN FROM EMAILING US DURING THE INITIAL 14 DAY HEALING PERIOD REGARDING ANY OF THE STAGES LISTED ABOVE. YOUR TATTOO WILL GO THROUGH MANY CHANGES DURING THIS PERIOD, PLEASE BE PATIENT FOR THE FIRST 14 DAYS!

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DURING THE HEALING PROCESS, PLEASE AVOID THE FOLLOWING:

- Application of any makeup for the first 2 weeks. This includes lip balm.
- Spicy or very astringent food may irritate your lips.
- Scratching or removal of scabs, or of dry skin/flakiness in the lip area.
- Direct water on the tattoo, and the use of any cleansers, soaps or heavy creams. Wash around the areas using a cleaning cloth or oil-free makeup wipe.
- Vaseline, Neosporin and any other petroleum based products.
- Activities that will cause sweating for at least 7 days, however the longer you can wait, the better. A headband is recommended if performing exercise. (The salt in your sweat will draw out the pigment).
- Swimming pools, hot tubs or other bodies of water for 14 days.
- UV exposure (including tanning booths).
- Laser light therapy, as it can darken/lighten or distort the pigment.
- Exfoliants, retinol acids or AHA's on the area for 30 days after the appointment (this causes premature fading).
- Facials or skin treatments.

T O U C H - U P S

TOUCH UPS TAKE ~2 HOURS.

PLEASE KINDLY EMAIL US INFO@ROUGE.INK

WE DO NOT SCHEDULE TOUCH-UPS VIA OUR WEBSITE OR TEXT MESSAGE.

Your touch-up can be booked anytime between a minimum of 8 weeks and up to 14 weeks after your initial appointment. We CANNOT tattoo until a minimum of 6 weeks have passed as it risks damaging the skin. It is the responsibility of the client to ensure they book their touch-up within this allotted time frame. Exceptions will be made if technician / client are traveling, ill, etc.; please let us know. If you do not contact us within the 8-14 week mark, a \$30 administrative fee will apply to schedule your touch-up. This is to keep our schedule flowing and accessible to all clients. Anything after 20 weeks (5 months) will fall into the next pricing bracket.

Cancellation Policy:

A 72 hour cancellation policy is in place for your touch-up appointment, or a \$50.00 rescheduling fee will apply. This policy is in place to keep our schedule accessible to all clients.

Additional Touch-Ups:

In rare cases, some clients will require additional touch-ups to achieve ideal results. This is largely dependent on the genetics of individual skin types, as well as adherence to Aftercare. We can perform these additional touch-ups at a minimum charge of \$100+ depending on the service.

L O N G - T E R M C A R E

- Lip tattoos normally last 2-4 years depending on lifestyle, skin type and diligence with aftercare.
- Exposure to the sun and tanning beds can cause fading and discoloration of the pigment.
- Please be aware that adding lip filler may expose areas that look less coloured-in.
- If you are going for an MRI, please let your technician know that you have a tattoo with iron-oxide pigment.

REFRESHER APPOINTMENTS

Refresher appointments are recommended every 12-18 months to maintain your results. Anything after 2 years is considered a new procedure.

REFERRAL CREDITS

Referrals are the ultimate form of flattery! If you refer a friend and they book an appointment with us, we will credit you \$25.00 off of your Refresher Appointment.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU COME ACROSS ANY ISSUES, AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HELP ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ROUGE INK ARTISTRY TO CREATE YOUR VISION!