

V·ink Cosmetic Tattoo

Immediately after a cosmetic tattoo, the area treated will look about 30-50% darker than the final results. This is temporary, the colour will lighten and soften over 7 to 14 days. It is normal for the area to feel slightly tender or dry.

Your new tattoo has to be treated as a wound, so please keep it clean and treat with caution to avoid infection.

Every cosmetic tattoo is a 2 steps process, therefore a follow up appointment 4 to 12 weeks (depending on the treatment) after the first appointment is a must!

In the touch up session we assess the healed result and can make changes to colour and shape as needed.

How to look after your Cosmetic Tattoo for the first 7-14 days

PLEASE NOTE THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS COULD JEOPARDIZE THE HEALING PROCESS OF YOUR TATTOO WHICH COULD LEAD TO POOR COLOUR RETENTION AND INFECTION.

- 1 Wash your hands thoroughly
- 2 Wash the tattooed area once a day with gentle soap
- 3 Apply a "rice size" ointment with a new cotton bud (if applicable).

- No direct sun exposure for the first 2 weeks.
- Strictly no make-up on the treated area for 3 days after procedure. For Eyeliner Tattoo it is particularly important to avoid mascara.
- No arsh cleansers or skin care products for 7-14 days (or until it peels).
- Do NOT scrub, rub or pick at the skin. Scabs will fall off naturally, please don't force it or it could lead to scarring and uneven colour retention.
- No teeth whitening toothpaste if you had a Lips Tattoo. Chemicals of any kind can interfere with healing and the colour.
- No exercising (or any other activity that can make you sweat) for 7-14 days (or until it peels).
- No heated spa, sauna or steam room for 2 weeks.
- Do not wax, pluck or bleach the hair for at least 3 weeks after the treatment. If you are having laser hair removal or resurfacing, it may result in adverse changes to your Cosmetic Tattoo.
- Do not use products like Retin-A or Roaccutane for at least 4 weeks prior and after treatment.
- No fillers or anti-wrinkle injections such as Restylane or Botox on or near the treated areas 2 weeks before or after treatment.

Eyebrow Care

During the first few hours post treatment, your eyebrows could weep a clear fluid which is normal and part of the healing process. To avoid building up of scab during this time, please wipe them gently every half an hour with a damp cotton pad to remove the fluid.

It is recommended to apply a thin layer of aftercare ointment morning and night for the first week and as needed in the following week till skin is healed and smooth.

As your skin heals it may become flaky.

Do not scrub off or pick the flaking as that could cause scarring and the colour to heal patchy/uneven. If the tattooed area feels itchy, you can apply a thin layer of aftercare more frequently.

After peeling, the brow tattoo will start to soften and lighten dramatically. Its true colour will show once completely healed at around week 4.

Eyeliner Care

Expect the eyes to be slightly tender for 1-3 days. Swelling is normal and with most clients it will subside within 48 hours.

Cold pads can be applied to minimise swelling.

Do not use mascara for at least 3 days after treatment.

Do not rub the eyes and most importantly do not use contacts during and for at least 24 hours after procedure.

Lip Care

For 5 days after procedure:

DRINK THROUGH A CLEAN STRAW

NO KISSING

NO SPICY OR HOT FOOD

NO LIPSTICK

Keep your lips clean and hydrated with the after care provided and if you suffer from cold sores please use your cold sore cream along with the aftercare.

During the first few hours post treatment, your lips could weep a clear fluid which is normal and part of the healing process. To avoid building up of scab during this time, please wipe them gently every half an hour with a damp cotton pad to remove the fluid.

Immediately after the treatment, your lips will appear swollen and much brighter than they will look once healed. The colour will subside over the next week and once the lips peel, the pigment will fade to almost no colour for then reappearing about 4 weeks later.

For **Lip Neutralisation** this process usually takes 10 weeks. After the lips finish peeling, they often look darker for a week or two. This is completely normal and it will pass. Please trust the process. True colour will appear around week 10.

LONG TERM CARE

- Exposure to the sun over time can cause premature fading and may cause the colour to change. If you are going out into the sun apply sunscreen to protect the area.
- When swimming in chlorine water you can cover your Cosmetic Tattoo with vaseline to prevent bleaching.
- Continuous use of skin topicals that contain acids or retinol may lighten or alter the colour of your cosmetic tattoo prematurely.

A cosmetic tattoo can last a shorter or longer period depending on your skin type, skin colour, and the colour of the pigment used, the thickness of the lines, how much pigment is deposited and how aggressive your immune system is in metabolising the pigment. Sun exposure, sweating, Retin-A skin creams and lotions, exfoliating treatments, and many others factors may speed up the natural fading process of your Cosmetic Tattoo. Even in the absence of any of the factors mentioned above, fading will still occur over time. With some people the tattoo may or may not remain visible for long periods of time, this can vary considerably from person to person.

“Colour Maintenance” may be required anywhere from 6 months up to 18 months after the last treatment, at the very least I suggest that my clients have a refresh treatment every 12-18 months to keep their makeup tattoo looking at its best.

Some clients are happy to let their cosmetic tattoo fade considerably between Colour Maintenance treatments, others like to keep their Cosmetic Tattoo looking very bold and fresh all the time. For this reason no guarantees are offered or implied in regards to how long your cosmetic tattoo will last before you feel you need to have a touch up.