

Lotus Dragon Henna

Aftercare Instructions

1. **Do not touch the henna paste after it's applied.** Henna takes anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour to dry, depending on the thickness and amount used for your design. As it dries, it will start to crack.
2. **We recommend leaving the henna on for at least an hour after it dries.** The longer you leave it on, the darker it will be. (*Your body stains dark to light. Hands always stain the darkest and the higher up you go, the stain won't be as prominent as it would be in the hands*)
3. **Henna loves to be warm.** Letting your henna "sunbake" in the sunlight will help darken your tattoo. Cold skin doesn't stain well.
4. Once ready for removal, remove the remaining dried paste by flaking it off with your fingernails or the edge of a card. For excess residue removal, use a baby wipe or coconut oil on a paper towel.
5. **Avoid contact with water during the first 24 hours after the paste is removed.** This can interrupt the oxidation and darkening process of the stain. The duration and life of your henna is dependent on how much you wash it. When showering within the 24 hours after receiving a henna, apply olive oil, or another all natural oil, to protect the stain while it is still developing.
6. Swimming in the ocean, pools (chlorine and henna don't mix), soaking in hot tubs, using a loofah or shaving the area of the skin where the stain is will cause the tattoo to deteriorate more quickly. You can apply coconut oil or another natural oil to help protect it from chlorine.
7. Your henna design will be light orange at first and darken over the next day or two. The third day is its darkest.
8. A henna tattoo may last 1 to 4 weeks, depending on placement and how well you take care of it.

Following these instructions does not guarantee a long lasting henna tattoo. Everyone's skin stains differently, results may vary. Henna stains the first few layers of your skin. As skin cells are washed and rubbed away, the henna stain goes with it. Oils used for protecting your henna are temporary. Once the oils rub off, the henna will be exposed again.