

5 SURPRISINGLY HARMFUL NATURAL INGREDIENTS

FOUND IN AFTERCARE TATTOO PRODUCTS

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WHAT WE USE INSTEAD

1. PETROLEUM JELLY • • • • 1. SHEA BUTTER



Petroleum jelly is thick and heavy. It acts more like a sealant, trapping in your skin's own moisture and bacteria. It doesn't actually moisturize, and doesn't allow your tattoo to breathe.



Shea Butter skincare powerhouse. It's anti-inflammatory with built-in UV protectant. Its high fat content penetrates the skin to provide healing moisture while boosting collagen production, which speeds up wound recovery.

2. COCONUT OIL • • • • • 2. JOJOBA OIL



While coconut oil is amazing for so many things, it rates high on the comedogenic scale (meaning it has a tendency to clog pores.)



Jojoba oil is non-comedogenic, and actually assists in unclogging pores! It's hypoallergenic, anti-inflammatory, and antifungal also. It contains B-complex vitamins and iodine, which stimulates collagen synthesis and helps to speed up wound closures.

3. ALOE VERA • • • • • 3. ROSEWATER



Although aloe vera is great for sunburn and other skin irritations, it's not so great for healing your tattoo. It doesn't absorb into the skin, and can leave a sticky layer that will actually dry your skin out.



Rosewater is soothing and anti-inflammatory. It hydrates the skin, unclogs pores, and is antibacterial.

4. BEESWAX • • • • • 4. CANDELILLA



Using beeswax for skin care products is common and is fine for your skin, but maybe not so good for the bees that produce it. With several species of bees now considered endangered, and colony collapse on the rise, we felt that an alternative was the right choice.



Candelilla has all of the same benefits as beeswax, without the potential to harm bee colonies. Plus, it's a little lower on the comedogenic scale. Win-win!

5. SILK POWDER • • • • • 5. ARROWROOT POWDER



Silk powder is used as a smoothing agent in many skincare products, but isn't very vegan friendly. And we think win-wins are best!



Arrowroot powder gets its name from its original use of treating poisonous arrow wounds. It's great for smoothing and soothing the skin, and is anti-inflammatory and antiseptic.