

taking care of your new purchase

We wish you many years of enjoyment with your new purchase. Here are a few tips to ensure longevity:

Some of our designers oxidize their sterling silver, which gives it an interesting and sophisticated "blackened" look. Or finish it in what we call a "brushed" or satin finish. To retain these looks, do not use a liquid "dip it" jewelry cleaner or a silver polishing cloth. We recommend using just a soft cloth to clean it.

For your polished sterling, which may darken over time (this is oxidation), use a silver polishing cloth or appropriate jewelry cleaner. Yes, we know you'd like to keep this shiny, and you can if you avoid scratching the surface, store it carefully away from other pieces, and clean it regularly.

For any pieces with porous stones (pearls, turquoise, coral)... never dip them in a jewelry cleaner (yes, the soft cloth again!) or you will permanently change the color which we cannot restore.

Most gemstones are a different story. For example, sapphires, tourmalines, citrines or the like, can be dipped into a jewelry cleaner which is labeled as safe for these stones. Diamonds can always be dipped in a liquid jewelry cleaner, and must also be brushed (an old toothbrush will do) to remove any particles of dirt around the prongs or settings. Any of these stones should also be regularly checked to be sure none of the settings are loose, which can happen if you catch the prongs on fabric.

We know you love to wear your pieces every day, but a few tips: Rule #1 – Keep fragrances and hairspray away from your jewelry. The alcohol can permanently stain the metals or stones. Spray, let dry and then put your jewelry on!

When you take necklaces off, fasten the clasp so they won't tangle; and store your jewelry in pouches or plastic baggies, not on the bottom of your purse (it's pretty scary down there for jewelry!)

Sleeping, swimming, exercising... these are all great activities for you, but not for your jewelry. Jewelry can be lost while sleeping or exercising; and the chlorine in the water will permanently damage most pieces.

For any of our pieces with silk stringing or leather...they are fragile and you should consider them allergic to water. And that goes for perspiration; it's very damaging to those fragile materials.

Still have questions? Email us at ylang23jewelry@yahoo.com. We will try our best to handle any concerns you have.