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## **Cleaning & Storage Of Your Jewellery**

Avoid contact with harsh chemicals or abrasive surfaces. Never wear jewellery when doing rough manual work or activities. Apply make-up, perfume and hairspray before you put on your jewellery. Many stones cannot tolerate jewellery cleaner. Avoid silver cleaner if your jewellery has any stones. Using anti-tarnish tabs helps to slow down tarnish. Keeping your jewellery wrapped in individual soft cloths or tissue paper will help to reduce tarnish and protect your jewellery from scratches and chips and then store in a sealable plastic bag. Do not store brooches wrapped in a soft cloth as they could get entangled and damage the pin. Store each brooch in an individual cardboard box with a foam base or wrapped in tissue paper. Do not expose your jewellery to intense light for long periods of time.

### **Sterling Silver**

Clean using dish soap and water. Dry thoroughly and polish with a soft cloth. You can use a soft toothbrush to remove light tarnish. Polish with a soft cloth regularly. Avoid harsh chemical cleaners. If tarnish is stubborn brush on dish soap with a soft brush and leave 5-10 minutes before rinsing with water.

### **Silver Plate**

Clean using dish soap and water. Dry thoroughly and polish with a soft cloth. You can use a soft toothbrush to remove light tarnish. Polish with a soft cloth regularly. Avoid harsh chemical cleaners. If tarnish is stubborn brush on dish soap with a soft brush and leave 5-10 minutes before rinsing with water.

### **Copper**

Place your jewellery in a glass or plastic container. Cover with lemon juice or vinegar. Leave for 5-10 minutes. Rinse and dry thoroughly with a soft cloth.

### **Freshwater Pearls**

Rub a little olive oil on your pearls and wipe with a dry chamois cloth.

### **Swarovski® Crystal**

Baby wipes are great for cleaning Swarovski® crystal. Hold between your thumb and fingers and roll backwards and forwards a few times and then move along. Dry off using a soft cloth. You can also make a solution that contains water, surgical spirit and dish soap. In a plastic container with a sealable lid add ¾ cup of water, 1 tsp surgical spirit and ½ tsp of dish soap. Close the lid and shake well. Place your jewellery inside and close the lid. Gently swirl the container for 30 seconds and then let it stand for 1 minute. Remove the jewellery and then run under warm water to remove the soap. Dry with a soft cloth. This will restore the crystals to their original shine and look like new.

### **Semi-precious Gemstones**

Clean by wiping with a damp cloth. Most semi-precious stone cannot tolerate being immersed in water. Dry with a soft cloth.

### **Felted Beads**

Clean felted beads by wiping it with a dry sponge. For a more thorough treatment, hold the material over the steam from a teakettle, brushing lightly with a dry sponge or lint-free cloth to smooth the surface. Re-shape beads if necessary and dry naturally.

### **Earrings**

Clean ear posts and wires with surgical spirit after each use