

Caring for Your Pearls

Pearls are the softest of the precious gems and require special care to ensure a lifetime (and beyond) of beautiful luster.

- Store pearls in a separate pouch with a soft lining. A soft piece of cloth will do if you do not have a small pouch.
- Do not store in an airtight bag or jar for an extensive period of time, pearls are porous and need moisture to maintain their luster.
- Chemicals are dangerous to pearls. Avoid hairspray, ammonia, vinegar, bleach, perfumes, and cosmetics. These can spot or disintegrate the pearl's surface. *Put your pearls on after hairspray, perfumes or cosmetics.*
- Wipe gently with a very warm, damp cloth before putting them away to remove oils and perspiration.
- Periodic washing is recommended with a soft cloth and warm, sudsy water, rinse in clear water and wrap them in a damp cotton towel (a kitchen towel will do) to dry. When the towel is dry, the pearls will be dry. *Never use jewelry cleaners containing ammonia, vinegar, or abrasives to clean pearls.*
- Avoid storing your pearls in an excessively dry place. (Remember pearls like moisture.) If stored in a vault or safe deposit box place a damp towel with them and refresh periodically.
- Avoid ultrasonic cleaners, which can crack or damage nacre.

Above all have fun wearing your pearls with blue jeans and formals!!!