Jewellery Care

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After wearing cultured pearls, wipe them down with a clean, damp cloth to remove makeup, hair products or perfume. These chemicals are harmful to pearls and can shorten their life.

Ensure The Protection of Your Jewellery

Like any significant investment, you must make an effort to care for the gems and jewels in your collection.

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To ensure your jewellery's lifespan:

- Store your jewellery in a jewellery box or other secure location when it is not being worn. When storing jewellery, refrain from stacking items on top of one another.

- Most jewellery can be cleaned with water or with dish soap. After cleaning, dry your pieces with a lint-free cloth.

- Do not expose your jewellery to extremely hot temperatures, dry conditions or sudden changes in temperature, as many stones (emeralds, opals and pearls, for example) are negatively affected by these conditions.

- Do not wear jewellery while exercising or playing a sport.

Specific Care Recommendations
Diamonds:

- To maintain a diamond's brilliance, soak it regularly in a solution of half ammonia and half cold water for 30 minutes. Then dry it with a soft cloth.

- Make sure diamond rings are inspected semi-annually.

Metals:

- Many durable metals require minimal care, yet others are more susceptible to scratching. Get a platinum band buffed every six months to remove scratches.

- Remove excess dirt build-up on metals with a jewellery cleaner.

- Polish silver regularly with store-bought silver polish.

Gold:

- Remove gold jewellery before showering or using cleaners.

- To clean gold, place it in a solution of a few drops of ammonia, detergent and water.

- To remove grease from gold jewellery, use rubbing alcohol.

Colour stone care:

- Avoid exposing emeralds to hot water for long periods.

- Do not engage in vigorous activity while wearing tanzanite.

- Clean opals with baby oil.

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