



Amethyst & Fine Silver Flower Necklace

Amethyst

Color: Light Purple

Clarity: Eye-clean gem quality, transparent

Shape: Center-drilled, faceted and polished, elongated-briolette beads

Size: Each bead is slightly different in size – approximate dimensions are 13-14 mm long x 8 mm wide at broadest diameter.

Treatment: None. Natural, untreated.

Clasp

Type: Toggle with floral motif

Origin: Handmade in Thailand

Metal: 999 pure fine silver

Size: Length of Bar: approximately 1-3/4". Length of Ring with Flower: approximately 1-3/8". Width of Flower/Diameter of Ring: approximately 15/16."

Decorative Accent Beads

Origin: Handmade in Thailand

Metal: 999 pure fine silver

Stringing Materials

925 sterling silver plated stainless steel wire with nylon coating

925 sterling silver grommets, covers, and French wire

Special Care Instructions

Do not wear this necklace while sleeping, swimming, showering, bathing, exercising, playing sports, working with chemicals, or house cleaning. Do not comb or brush hair with necklace on - the comb/brush could pull and break the strand. Put necklace on only after grooming, and take off first before retiring.

AFTER EVERY WEAR, CLEAN NECKLACE WITH SOFT MICROFIBER CLOTH. If needed, necklace may be gently washed in warm soapy water (use mild non-detergent soap) with soft cloth. Lay flat to dry or gently blow-dry with hairdryer. Never clean necklace with any chemicals (amethyst can be damaged by many chemicals including acids and alkalies). Also, never clean necklace with abrasives, steam, or in a heated ultrasonic cleaner – these methods can damage amethyst.

Tarnish Removal: Oxidation is a natural process of silver as it ages. All silver can tarnish over time, even fine silver. Fine silver tarnishes more slowly than alloyed silver (such as sterling). The development of color of fine silver as it ages can be very appealing, often displaying overtones of soft golds to varying shades of browns and even purples. We refer to this shading of color as a “patina” on the fine silver. The patina of fine silver can be very desirable. Sometimes, we will advance the age of a fine silver piece to purposely produce interesting colors on the metal. The patina of aged fine silver can be maintained by gentle cleaning as indicated in the above paragraph. However, tarnish on fine silver typically can be very easily removed by cleaning the metal with a tarnish remover specifically made for silver jewelry. Silver polish will remove all tarnish and patina to expose the original condition and color of fine silver.

With respect to this amethyst necklace, any tarnish removal should be done very carefully and with patience so that silver cleaner does not get on the amethyst – gemstones can be harmed by acid, a common ingredient in silver polish. We recommend using a silver

paste and not a liquid silver jewelry cleaner to clean the fine silver parts of this necklace; the paste can be more easily applied to just the metal, thereby also more easily avoiding the gemstones. Any tarnish remover should be quickly removed promptly by thoroughly washing off the necklace in running water. Do not keep silver polish in contact with metal for more than a few seconds, as harsh chemicals can permanently damage precious metals.

Arpaia Lang offers professional jewelry cleaning services, including tarnish removal. Contact us for our service rates, or if you wish to purchase silver paste.

Do not store this necklace (or any amethyst jewelry) in a glass jewelry case or near a heat source. Color in natural and heat treated amethyst is susceptible to certain adverse environmental conditions, such as light, heat and chemicals. The saturation of color in amethyst (strength/vividness of color) can be diminished by exposure to sunlight and heat. Amethyst can fade and abrupt temperature change can fracture or alter the color of amethyst.

Strung gemstone necklaces are delicate (due to the thinness of the stringing materials necessitated by tiny drill holes). Like pearl strands, gemstone strands may need to be restrung from time to time. Due to their hardness, amethyst wears stringing materials faster than pearls, and in addition, like many designer gemstone strands, this necklace is strung without any knots between the gems/beads. **It is expected that this necklace will need to be restrung over its lifetime, and the frequency will depend on its wear.** If the necklace is worn often, it should be restrung every year. If worn occasionally, it can be restrung much less often – every few years or rarely. Look for signs of wear, such as slackness in the strand or frayed french wire (the very thin coiled wire at each end of the strand attached to the clasp). Keep in mind that not all damage to a gemstone strand is visible - to avoid breakage, the necklace should be restrung if roughly pulled or caught. Arpaia Lang provides expert stringing and repair services; contact us for quote.

See Gems 101 for more jewelry care information.