



“Luna”

## **Akoya Baroque Cultured Pearl Necklace**

### **Pearls**

Number: 173 individual saltwater Japanese Akoya cultured pearls.

Size: Approximately 9.0 x 8 mm.

Shape: Semi-Baroque.

Bodycolor: Neutral – Creamy-white (dominant overall color of the pearls).

Overtone: Pink and Green (translucent colors that appear over the bodycolor). The pink overtone is more predominant than the green overtone.

Orient: Some surface iridescence, as well as more than one overtone.

Luster: Excellent (reflections appear bright and sharp). Luster is the intensity of light reflected from the surface of the pearl.

Surface: Pearls commonly have blemishes or irregularities, which are usually confined to the surface. By their nature, baroque-shaped pearls tend to have surface irregularities. These pearls are moderately spotted and show noticeable surface irregularities such as bumps, creases and spots. The surface characteristics are not distracting and do not diminish the exceptional beauty of the very long strand.

Nacre Quality: Acceptable

Matching: Excellent, considering the inherent irregularity of baroque-shaped pearls. There is overall harmony in this extremely long strand, as well as a very pleasing, graceful, balanced look. Again, considering the irregularity of baroque pearls, there are minute variations in uniformity of the strand, taking into the relative consistency of size, shape, color, luster, surface quality, and nacre quality among all pearls.

Treatment: None Detected. It is assumed that these pearls underwent typical Japanese akoya post-harvesting processes including cleaning, bleaching, buffing, and possibly maeshori techniques. For more information regarding the processing and treatment of akoya pearls, see Gems 101.

## Clasp

Expertly artisan crafted.

Type: Toggle

Metal: 24kt Gold

Finishes: High Mirror Polish and Satin Matte with Texture

Dimensions: 2-1/2" long when worn with toggle bar through ring. Toggle Bar is slightly more than 3/4" long, and the large ring is approximately 11/16" diameter.

# Special Care Instructions

Pearls are organic, and by their nature, can be easily damaged by environmental conditions, contact with harder materials, cleaning agents, chemicals, and many other products. Fine pearls require care and protection. With proper care, fine pearl jewelry can be worn and enjoyed for generations.

**See Gems 101 for complete pearl care information.**

USE DRY OR DAMP SOFT CLEAN MICROFIBER CLOTH TO WIPE NECKLACE AFTER EACH WEAR. WHEN NOT WORN, STORE NECKLACE IN SOFT PROTECTIVE PEARL FOLDER OR FABRIC POUCH AWAY FROM ALL OTHER JEWELRY.

Wrap clasp in clean microfiber cloth to protect pearls against scratches while stored. When putting necklace on and off be careful to lay clasp gently near pearls, and do not rub clasp along pearls as the gold and sapphires of the clasp are harder than the pearls and can scratch them. When layering the strand around the neck hold the clasp away from the pearls.

Store pearls away from heat sources such as heating vents and direct sunlight. Do not store pearls in a closed plastic bag or safety deposit box. Pearls need the moisture in air to maintain their healthy luster and natural beauty.

If a thorough cleaning is needed, pearls occasionally may be washed gently in warm soapy water using mild soap (not a detergent) and a very soft cloth. Do not use a toothbrush to clean pearls as they could get scratched. Lay washed pearls on a clean towel to dry, and make sure strung pearls are completely dry before wearing.

Never clean pearls in an ultrasonic or steam cleaner. Never use abrasives, chemicals, or cleaning agents.

Pearl jewelry should be last item on and first off. Make sure to remove pearl jewelry before applying cosmetics, perfume, lotions and hairspray.

Do not wear pearls while swimming in a pool - chlorine can damage the nacre. Acids attack and destroy the beauty and integrity of pearls. Even acid perspiration can damage pearls over time.

Do not wear necklace while sleeping, swimming, showering, bathing, gardening, exercising or other strenuous activity/work, playing sports, handling chemicals, washing dishes, or house cleaning. Put necklace on only after grooming, and take off first before retiring.

Periodically restring pearl strands as needed. Silk string should be clean and knots should be tight with no slack between pearls. Arpaia Lang provides expert stringing services. For quote, contact us through this site or call (203) 691-5851.