



“Peacock” Cultured Freshwater Pearl Necklace by Arpaia Lang

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 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 metal of the clasp is 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.

NECKLACE SHOULD **NOT** BE CLEANED IN A STEAM OR ULTRASONIC CLEANER as damage could occur to the pearls (high heat can permanently ruin pearls and they are attacked by certain chemicals, especially acids). Also, these cleaning methods could remove or damage the black metal finish of the clasp.

Do not use silver cleaner or any other chemicals, abrasives, or cleaning agents – again, the pearls could be damaged and black finish on clasp removed.

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 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.