

CARING FOR YOUR SILK NIGHT JEWEL

Dear Queendom Member,

By purchasing a My Crowning Jewel silk head wrap, I am sure you know you have purchased the best wrap possible for protecting your hair. Silk's glossy texture ensures that your hair glides across your pillow. Its breathability ensures your hair does not retain moisture. And its dense weave keeps the strands of your hair intact.

Silk fabrics have been used for over 4,500 years, but its popularity as the head wrap of choice of discerning women is relatively new. African American women have been wrapping their hair for centuries, albeit with cotton or muslin or even burlap.

Your silk head wrap will keep your hair beautiful, but how do you keep your silk wrap beautiful, colorful and shiny? The ideal way to maintain silk is to dry clean it, but that would be highly impractical. Washing is a safe and effective alternative.

Some of your jewel's shine will be unavoidably lost by washing, but adding ¼ cup of plain white vinegar to every two gallons of cool washing water will help to retain the silk fabric's true color and to retain its shine. Use a mild soap specifically formulated for dark colors.

Do not soak your silk jewel in water for an extended length of time.

Strong colors will appear to bleed. This is to be expected and is caused by excess dye in the silk fabric. But adding salt to the water will set the dye. Rinse several times in cool water until the water runs clear. Then add a small amount of salt to the FINAL cool water rinse. Ensure that all of the salt has been dissolved before adding the silk wrap to the rinse.

Tightly roll your jewel in a clean, dry towel to remove the excess moisture from the silk fabric. Next, hang it in an area away from direct sunlight on a padded hanger not constructed of wood.

By taking these extra steps to protect your silk jewel, you should enjoy this exquisitely beautiful wrap for years.

Thank you!

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