



Top 5 Gemstones

for Jewelry Makers

Explore the 5 most popular gemstones used by jewelry makers. Whether you're just starting to make jewelry or you're a seasoned pro, there's something for everyone.



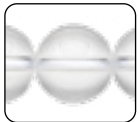
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10 Common Gemstones for Jewelry Makers

Watch a quick, fun video all about the most common gemstones. From beginner to seasoned pro, there's something for everyone to learn.

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Popular Gemstone: Amethyst

Amethyst, a widely cherished gemstone, varies in color from deep purple to pale lavender due to the presence of manganese and iron in quartz. According to Greek mythology, Amethystos, a nymph, sought protection from the god Dionysus and was transformed into a clear stone by the virgin goddess Artemis, later turned purple by Dionysus's spilled wine. This vibrant hue, associated with royalty in ancient times, led to amethyst adorning the attire of powerful monarchs alongside rubies, emeralds and sapphires. Even today, amethyst remains prominent, gracing the British Crown Jewels and being worn by church officials in various denominations. As the birthstone for February, amethyst continues to captivate with its rich history and allure.

Metaphysical

Believed to prevent drunkenness and enhance mental clarity, amethyst was historically given to young men to resist temptation and maintain clear mindedness, particularly when using weapons. Leonardo Da Vinci noted its power to dissipate evil thoughts and boost intelligence. Used cross-culturally as a symbol of peace, amethyst is also valued for evoking serenity during meditation and aiding in the treatment of insomnia, sugar imbalances and headaches by naturopaths.

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Uncover the Mystery of Amethyst

Delve into the mysteries of amethyst with our very own graduate gemologist, Dev.



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Popular Gemstone:

Crystal Quartz

Quartz crystal is a power stone that's prized as a healing stone. It is known as the most powerful healing stone of the mineral kingdom, able to work on any condition. It has been called the "Universal Crystal" because of its many uses and is beneficial for manifesting, healing, meditation, protection and channeling.

Metaphysical

Believed to have the ability to balance, quartz is excellent for harmonizing and stabilizing one's environment and is helpful in romantic relationships. It is said to amplify healing energy and is particularly effective for chronic fatigue, arthritis, bone injuries, depression, diabetes, fibromyalgia and intestinal troubles. It is also believed to improve mental and physical energy, stamina and physical strength. Quartz enhances spiritual growth, spirituality and wisdom. Because it clarifies thought processes and emotions, it can increase inspiration and creativity. It can also help with concentration, studying and retaining what one learns.

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Popular Gemstone: Tigerseye

The mesmerizing tigerseye, also known as “tiger’s eye stone,” showcases a golden-yellow, banded appearance reminiscent of the animal’s eye. Composed of silicified crocidolite in quartz, its chatoyancy, or iridescent undulating luster, mirrors the captivating gaze of a tiger. Lower iron levels during formation may produce a blue tinge, while maroon varieties are often dyed or heated for enhancement.

Metaphysical

Tigerseye’s metaphysical properties align with its name, promoting clear-eyed vision, attention to detail and a combination of earth and sun energy. Believed to enhance psychic and empathic energies, tigerseye serves as a protective stone, encouraging mindfulness and contemplation before taking action. Different colors, such as blue, gold and red tigerseye, are thought to have specific effects, such as stress relief, attention to detail and overcoming lethargy, respectively. Explore the allure of tigerseye, from its captivating appearance to its spiritual significance, and discover tips for designing tigerseye jewelry, including a quick and easy pendant necklace tutorial.

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Popular Gemstone: Labradorite

Labradorite, named after its discovery in Labrador, Canada, holds a rich history among the Inuits, who referred to it as a "fire stone" and utilized its powdered form for medicinal purposes. According to Inuit legend, the stone encapsulated the Northern Lights, freed by a warrior striking it with a spear. Moravian missionaries in the late eighteenth century introduced labradorite to the European market, expanding its reach beyond Canada to places like Mexico, Russia and Finland. Highly coveted for its captivating qualities, labradorite has become a sought-after gemstone in jewelry, as well as finding applications in glass production, road construction and ceramic manufacturing.

Metaphysical

Labradorite is considered a tremendously spiritual stone, especially helpful for people who tend to overwork. It helps an individual regain energy while aiding the body and spirit in healing itself. In the metaphysical world, labradorite is considered one of the most powerful protectors. The gemstone creates a shield for auras and protects against the negativity of the world. Labradorite is said to temper the negativity within ourselves as well. Labradorite is known for its changing colors, so it is no surprise this gemstone is known as a stone of transformation, enhancing strength of will and inner worth. The gemstone labradorite is said to stimulate the throat chakra. Though not associated with any zodiac sign, supposedly the sign of Cancer is especially drawn to labradorite.

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Unearth the Beauty of Labradorite

Unearth the beauty and legend of labradorite, discovering the history of this stone



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Popular Gemstone: Garnet

Garnet, deriving its name from the Latin word for pomegranate seed, boasts a deep red color reminiscent of the fruit's juicy seeds. In Greek mythology, pomegranates symbolized passion and eternal love. Throughout history, travelers wore garnet for its believed ability to illuminate the night and offer protection from nightmares and accidents. Used in burial jewelry during the Bronze Age and popular among Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, garnets were thought to enhance fighting prowess. In the Middle Ages, they were believed to guard against poison, and in Victorian times, they symbolized fidelity in love, often used in engagement rings.

Metaphysical

Beyond its aesthetic appeal, garnet holds metaphysical properties, symbolizing a quick return to separated love, fertility and the feminine life force. Legend tells of Hades gifting Persephone a pomegranate, which transformed into garnet upon her safe return, representing the stone's association with swift reunions. Garnet is also believed to aid in healing broken bonds of love, treating melancholy and depression, and attracting success in business by drawing people to the wearer. Explore the rich history and metaphysical significance of garnet in this captivating gemstone.

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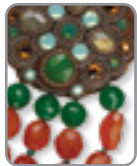
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Carnelian [View](#)

Important to ancient Roman and Egyptian cultures and found in artifacts circa 1800 BC.



Green Aventurine [View](#)

Believed to ease mental and emotional trauma, bringing calm.



Tigereye [View](#)

Created when quartz forms over crocidolite—a material of fine, bundled fibers.



Rose Quartz [View](#)

Fairly hard, so it can be cleaned with an ultrasonic cleaner. Avoid heat.

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Alexandrite - al-ig-ZAN-drite

Scale	Hardness
1	Can be scratched easily with a finger

Gemstone Size and Ruler Chart [View](#)

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Stone Material Pronunciation Guide [View](#)

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The Mohs hardness scale measures the relative hardness of gemstones, as determined by their scratch hardness.