

The World Of Unusual Gems

Green Amethyst...Surprising New Color For A Familiar Gem

This beautiful form of precious quartz comes in lovely green colors ranging from pastel yellow green to a deep forest green. The gemological name for green amethyst is "prasiolite" and is derived from a Greek word meaning "leek" because the gem's sage green color resembles that of the well-known onion-like plant.

Transparently clear and sparkling, green amethyst is a bright and lively gem and is one of several popular and colorful quartz gemstones such as



lemon-yellow citrine and the familiar purple-lilac amethyst. It's also a tough and durable gem with a hardness of 7 on the Mohs Scale which makes it suitable for worry-free use in any kind of jewelry setting including rings, pins, pendants, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings.

Mined in both Brazil and Arizona, green amethyst is both abundant and very affordable even in large sizes. It can also resemble other gems such as green beryl, peridot, and green tourmaline.

The Jewelry Doctor

How To Care For Cat's-Eyes

Translucent chrysoberyl, also called cat's-eye chrysoberyl, is one of the most interesting of all gems. It ranges in color from honey yellow or honey brown to yellowish green and has a velvety, silk like texture.

When cut in a cabochon or domed shape, it displays a narrow streak of light down the center which resembles a cat's eye. This phenomenon, called chatoyancy, is caused by the reflection of light from parallel, needlelike inclusions inside the gem.



Cat's-eye is a very hard gem ranking third after diamond and corundum in hardness. It is heat and light stable and is usually ultrasonic cleaner and steamer safe. Clean with soapy water, alcohol or cleaning solutions.

May your holidays glitter like gold, sparkle like diamonds, and be as perfect as platinum.



Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!

Trends To Watch

Bold Gold Jewelry - Bright For The Holidays

Yellow gold jewelry has always been the special gift of romance and love especially during the holidays. And today, many newer, bolder gold jewelry styles are greatly in vogue.

Striking bold gold neck pieces include wider chokers, lariats, and attention-grabbing bold multi-strand chains in a wide range of attractive designs. Bold gold cuffs and bangle bracelets are also available in an eye-catching variety of different styles including cut-out designs, organic and geometric motifs, as well as lush textures and decorative finishes ranging from brightly polished to matte, satin, brushed, and burnished.

Luxurious gold earrings include must-have big and bold buttons, larger hoops, such as dramatic and decorative medallions, and elegant electroformed puffed hoops. And don't overlook this season's dramatic over-size gold pendants and pins. Leading designs offer disks, squares, circles, and exciting free forms.

Bright and striking bold gold jewelry is sure to bring a fashionable glow to your holidays and beyond!

