

The choice of Corals

Corals, the June birthstones, are considered to be one of the most beautiful gems. Because of their natural and elegant beauty, they have been used for centuries in accenting jewelries. Indians and Persians were among the first to use corals as jewelries.

Corals can be classified as natural or cultured. Both are grown in oysters or mollusks. Oysters grow natural corals accidentally, as nacre is deposited around any foreign material that has entered its shells. Cultured corals are also grown in oysters but the growth is initiated by men. Natural corals, which are rarer, are more costly than cultured corals.

Both natural and cultured corals can further be classified into freshwater or saltwater corals, those coming from the sea being more expensive.

Corals come in many different colors, shapes and sizes. The value of these corals depends on these qualities so care in choosing the corals should be taken seriously.

The timeless beauty of corals makes them suitable for bracelet creations. But how do you choose the perfect coral bracelet for you?

If you want to buy the coral bracelet online, make sure you have done ample research on the different legitimate companies that advertise corals. Know everything you can about the products, the company's background and return policies. Get the address or phone number that you can contact in case a problem arises.

Once you have chosen the company you want to buy from, view all their designs. There are so many designs to choose from. The latest trend in bracelet design is the contemporary coral bracelet which could be any of the following.

These bracelets are combined with different metal clasps and chains to make them contemporary. Strands with different colors of corals may be twisted to make an interesting combination bracelet. Several strands of corals may also be contrasted with sterling silver to make it unique.

The decorative clasps could serve as the design in itself. Yellow gold beads could alternate with corals to create a contrasting effect. Pretty charms could hang from the bracelet to add some appeal. Another possible combination would be a series of corals followed by a silver chain.

Semi-precious gems or even diamonds can be combined with corals making your bracelet even more valuable. The different colors of other gems make an otherwise simple string of plain white corals look very interesting. The same attention-grabbing effect can be seen when contrasting colors of corals are combined together.

White glass corals would look amazing if combined with Swarovski crystals. The stunning combination is a must-have for a coral collector.

They are usually sold by carat weight. Most natural corals on today's market are vintage corals.

Another factor to consider is the weight of the corals you are purchasing. Don't forget that natural corals are measured in carats and cultured corals are measured in millimeters of their diameters.

Look for coral knots between the corals in the strings. These knots serve to separate the corals from one another so that abrasion is avoided.

When you have purchased your dream coral bracelet, some points are considered when caring for it. Always be reminded that the lime content of the corals can react with human perspiration that can lead to cracks.

Wear your coral bracelet after you have spritzed on your favorite perfume and lotion, not before. After taking it off, wipe it clean with a soft cloth that is lint-free, dry or a little damp. If you wipe it with a damp cloth, be sure to dry the corals before storing them. Water is used to damp the cloth and not anything harsh like ammonia or strong detergents.

It is important that coral bracelets are kept separately from other jewelries to avoid scratching. A soft chamois bag may be a good place to keep it in. Periodic stringing of your bracelet should be done to prevent any unstringing in case the silk or cord is damaged.

Corals are simple but very elegant. It is suitable in any occasion, casual or formal. Buying the perfect string of corals for that delicate wrist is just so important. Pamper yourself and buy that bracelet that will surely stay in fashion during your entire lifetime.

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