



## Caring for Pearls Fact Sheet

The variety of cultured pearls include Akoya, White South Sea, South Sea, Freshwater, Mabe, Keshi and Tahitian. All require the same gentle care as they are more fragile and delicate than any other gemstone. Cosmetics, perfumes, moisturisers and hairspray can harm your pearls. So too can acids, oils and perspiration from our body. To make sure you get the best from your pearls and preserve them for many years to come, here are a few tips:

- Put your pearls on AFTER you have applied perfume, cosmetics and hairspray. Once you have worn them, a gentle wipe with a soft damp cloth will remove any of these harmful elements.
- Pearls must be kept away from hard and sharp objects that may scratch them. Store them in their own cloth bag or a separate compartment in your jewellery box.
- Have them re-strung every year by a jeweller if you wear them regularly, as the silk thread can be damaged by the same harmful elements as pearls.
- Have your pearls threaded with knots in between. This is just in case the thread does break, only one pearl would fall and is much easier to find than a whole strand. It also stops the pearls from rubbing on and scratching each other.

We can rethread your pearls in our workshop on premises at 25 Old North Road, Clare. Phone us on 8842 1888.

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