

helpful hints

Caring For Pearls

(NAPSA)—Pearls, strung together on a necklace or making an individual appearance in cufflinks or a brooch, can be an elegant, sophisticated way to accessorize for a formal occasion. However, special care needs to be taken for these water-born beauties to remain sparkling and lustrous.



Because pearls are soft, they require extra-special care.

To start, say the experts at Orajewels, keep pearls away from household chemicals such as hair spray, makeup and perfume which can dull their luster over time and cause spots and blotches. Pearls should be the last thing a woman puts on before going out and the first thing she takes off after returning home.

Also, pearls are quite soft, so for the longest-lasting pearls choose those with thick nacre that can help them withstand wear. The best way to care for pearls is to wear them often because the body's natural oils keep them lustrous. Pearls should be wiped with a soft cloth before being stored and kept separate from other precious metals or gemstones that might scratch or dull them.

To learn more about choosing or caring for pearls, or to "try on" pearl jewelry via virtual models, visit www.orajewels.com.