

GOLD & RATIO

HOW TO CLEAN YOUR PRECIOUS GEMSTONE JEWELLERY AT HOME

You can use this simple method to clean your jewels anytime you notice the stones looking dull. Hand lotions, cosmetics and body oils all combine to diminish the brilliance of gemstones. Regular cleaning will help to keep your precious jewel looking its best. This manual is specific to the cleaning of all Gold, Platinum and Silver rings set with *non-organic gems such as Diamond, Sapphire, Ruby, Spinel, Tourmaline, Garnet, Aquamarine, and Quartz varieties such as Amethyst and Citrine.

- Find and allocate a soft plastic container such as a tupperware container (avoid glass and ceramic dishes)
- Fill with hot but not boiling water, and a good squirt of generic dishwashing liquid (NOT HAND SOAP)
- If you like, you can really amp up this homemade cleaning solution with a few capfuls of Cloudy ammonia (available at hardware stores) However, please be conscious not to inhale the fumes as they are not good for your health.
- You can help to dislodge any dirt and grime build up by leaving your ring to soak in this solution for up to an hour, this solution will not damage your ring in anyway, however it really only takes about 10 minutes to get a good clean and restore your gems to their original brilliance and shine.
- After a quick (or long) soak, use an old or baby toothbrush to scrub your ring, paying special attention to the openwork on the underside of your setting, as well as the gemstones themselves.
You can really go hard at it, a standard bristle toothbrush will not scratch or damage your ring / gemstones in anyway.
- Rinse in clean water, be sure to use a sink guard (or extreme care over the sink)
- Dry off with a clean tissue or a hairdryer on low heat setting
- Be careful not to be blinded by the sparkle of your fresh jewels!

