## Lawrence Sanders Custom Jewellery Design



## **CLEANING YOUR JEWELLERY**

These instructions are intended for the purposes of keeping your diamond jewellery clean - typically robust pieces such as diamond engagement, wedding and eternity rings set with diamonds (also sapphires & rubies if you are certain about their identity).

Fine delicate pieces need to be handled with professional care by your jeweller and the use of very hot water is only advised with diamonds, sapphires and rubies. All other gems cannot cope with hot water and sudden temperature change and immersion may cause serious damage to the gems. Many gems such as pearls and opals are porous and will absorb liquids of any temperature and will discolour through absorption of the liquid.











Place (do not drop) your diamond jewellery in an old cup and cover the piece(s) with 1/3 cloudy ammonia and 2/3 hot to near boiling water.

You can let it soak for awhile if needed, then brush the back of the gems with a very old tooth brush, then put into a tea strainer and rinse under warm water. If still dirty then soak the piece for longer and repeat until clean. Dry with a towel or absorbent paper towel.

It is dirt, hand cream & soap residue that sticks to the backs of stones that has the biggest effect on dulling the gem.

You can do this as often as you like - it will do no harm nor cause damage or wear to the setting or gems. If any claws or parts of the setting seem to be catching please arrange to bring the piece(s) into us to check the safety of the settings as soon as possible.

You should take your jewellery off when doing housework, gardening and especially the gym. The metal in your jewellery will get scratched and dented and you could do damage to your diamonds and/or coloured gems.

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