

WOVEN ART JEWELLERY

Woven and crocheted silver jewellery with a Celtic twist ... handmade in the UK

Birthstones



JANUARY - GARNET

The word is thought to originate from the Latin and refers to a possible resemblance to pomegranate seeds.



FEBRUARY - AMETHYST

From the Greek word meaning "not drunken". According to mythology it inspires fairness and a sense of duty.



MARCH - AQUAMARINE (alternative: Bloodstone)

Derived from sea water and said to engender a spirit of hope and a promise of better things to come.



APRIL - DIAMOND (alternative: Rock Crystal)

From the Greek "Adamas" meaning indomitable. Thought to protect the wearer from evil and ill health.



MAY - EMERALD (alternative: Crysoprase)

Dedicated to Venus (The Goddess of Love) and said to protect sea-farers from drowning.



JUNE - PEARL (alternative: Moonstone)

Emblems of nobility and thought by some Scotsmen to ensure a faithful lover when worn next to the heart.



JULY - RUBY (alternative: Red Carnelian, Onyx)

Thought - by the King of Siam in the 13th Century - to prolong youth. He died in his 90's with the unwrinkled complexion of a young man.



AUGUST - PERIDOT (alternative: Sardonyx)

From the Arabic "Faridat" meaning precious stone. Thought to cure mental and physical timidity and strengthen the nerves.



SEPTEMBER - SAPPHIRE (alternative: Lapis Lazuli)

Represents the purity of the soul and mirrors the blue of heaven. Thought to protect its wearer from captivity.



OCTOBER - OPAL (alternative: Tourmaline)

A symbol of hope and good luck. Thought to protect against poisoned food and to promote a good memory.



NOVEMBER - TOPAZ (alternative: Citrine)

Derived from Sanskrit "Tapas" meaning fire. Thought to ward off epilepsy and asthma and to cure insomnia.



DECEMBER - TURQUOISE (alternatives: Blue Topaz, Blue Zircon, Tanzanite)

Popularised by its use in Egypt nearly 5,000 years ago. Said to guarantee the fidelity of those in love.