

How To Care For Your Costume Jewelry

There are a few simple methods to keep your costume jewelry shining bright.

1. Make sure to store jewelry in small separate bags or boxes. This prevents tangling and minor breaks. This also keeps air away from your jewelry, reducing the risk of tarnish dramatically. An enclosed jewelry box or drawer with separate compartments is another great way to store jewelry.
2. If your jewelry piece is tarnished there are several ways to clean it. A simple way is to use a tarnish removing cloth. This is gentle enough to remove tarnish but keep costume metal finishes intact. Another method is to use a baking soda based toothpaste or gentle soap. Use a soft toothbrush, toothpaste / soap and water to gently clean the piece. Allow to dry fully before wearing.
3. Many jewelry breaks are simple fixes. Most can be fixed with basic jump rings, new clasps, new eye pins or head pins, etc. Check these basics before giving up on your broken favorites!
4. If your broken jewelry is not repairable, re-use your favorite components in a new jewelry piece.