

Garnet - January



The Garnet is a stone of vitality and passion.

The versatile garnet comes in a virtual rainbow of colors, including pink, red, purple, orange, yellow, violet, green, colorless, occasionally black, brown and many shades of red and green. The most common color of garnets is reddish brown. Bohemian Garnet is deep red gemstone, Russian

Demantoid and African Tsavorite are vibrant green.

Garnets were so called by the ancient Greeks since color reminded them of the pomegranate seed or granatum. One of the world's most ancient gems, garnet has been treasured for thousands of years. □ Use of garnets as gems is traced to the Nile Delta in 3100 B.C. Egyptian artisans created beautiful garnet beads, bracelets and other jewelry. Garnets since ancient times used widely as an abrasive. Garnets are said to have been used by Asiatic tribes in place of bullets. □ During the latter part of the 19th century, garnet bracelets and brooches were particularly popular.

Clean garnet with a dry soft cloth. As with all gemstones, care should be taken to protect it from scratches, sharp blows, harsh chemicals and extreme temperatures. □ □. □ The hardness of garnets and their sharp fracture make them suitable as abrasives for wood, leather, glass, metals, and plastics. □