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Finding That Jewel Of A Jewelry Box

By Hazel Smith

Ask any woman about the one favorite thing they possessed as a little girl, and they will tell you that the one item they loved above all else was their jewelry box. Opening the lid, watching the ballerina beginning to twirl, hearing music playing and spending happy hours sorting through their childish collection of jewels and trinkets is a memory most women hold dear for life.

Indeed a woman's jewelry box takes a special place in her heart. After all, most women adore beautiful jewelry, and having an equally beautiful box to contain their collection in is important. Jewelry boxes take pride of place on a woman's dressing table, and can be an object of art in itself.

Whether you are choosing a jewelry box for yourself, or are buying one for your sweetheart, selecting the right one is important. You should look for something that reflects the style and taste of the woman who owns it. If she is supremely feminine, a romantic old-world design might be the perfect gift. Even better, visit some antique stores to find one of the many truly beautiful antique jewelry boxes.

On the other hand, if your lady is very modern and elegant in her tastes, there are plenty of sleek and unusual jewelry boxes in unconventional metals, and inlaid timbers. These more eclectic, different boxes tend to pop up in art galleries, artist markets and more innovative jewelry stores.

If you are still having trouble deciding on the outward appearance of the jewelry box perhaps consider the overall style of the bedroom in which it will be placed. Linking the jewelry box to a woman's décor is a safe way of incorporating it into her home.

Another thing to consider when looking for a jewelry box is the size and interior of the box. They come in a range of sizes from the very small and compact, to larger versions that can accommodate a truly colossal collection of rings, bracelets, necklaces and the like. In fact, it is worth looking out for a jewelry box that has a well-designed interior, with compartments and a ring keeping area to help organize jewelry in an optimal fashion.

Whether you simply visit your local jewelry store, or hunt through the local flea markets, you can find a jewelry box that carries on the magic that starts when a girl raises the lid on her very first jewelry box.

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a website packed with information about

choosing the right jewelry box

Be Jeweled

By Maxine Greco

Planning to attend a wedding and it's quite a distance away? Need to travel to your parent's anniversary party? Is your school reunion in some other part of the country? While there are new restrictions on air travel, jewelry is currently not one of the items banned from your carryon.

Now that you've made up your mind to attend that special occasion, just how will you take your jewelry along for the trip? It's preferable to always pack your jewelry in your purse or carryon bag. Only pins are restricted from your carryon bag. You can pack as many necklaces, earring, watches, rings and bracelets as you like.

There are many ways to pack your jewelry that will insure their arrival in a perfect state. Of course you cannot take your large jewelry chest that sits on your dresser. However, there's a large choice of jewelry holders available designed especially for travel. If you bring along mostly earring or rings there are jewelry rounds or "puffs" made in a huge array of fabrics including ultrasuede. These are drawstring pouches that have pockets around the perimeter that keep your earrings and rings from tangling or rubbing against each other. They're lightweight and can easily fit in a handbag or purse.

Designed for the jewelry aficionados, there are jewel rolls available in many elegant fabrics as well as suede and leather. They come in a wide range of sizes and will hold every type of jewelry. Besides the small pockets for rings and earrings, jewel rolls have large zippered compartments for watches and bracelets. Many of them have a deep pocket in the back for larger items. There are models equipped with loops to hold necklaces and keep the chains from twisting. Some have clear compartments so you can view where everything is located and some are available double sided, so they can be packed on both sides. Jewel rolls can be placed on a hanger and hung in the closet or rolled up for ease in placing them in a safety deposit box or hotel lock box.

Many hotel rooms now come equipped with small safes in the individual rooms. Because of the popularity of these hotel safes, a new type of travel jewel case has emerged. It is a small flat hard case, covered in fabric, suede or leather, and it fits easily inside these hotel safes. Some even have a clear cover, so you can see inside. The jewel cases have multiple compartments and also protect the jewelry against harm because of their hard outside container.

Men have not been overlooked in the travel jewelry case department. There are leather watchcases that are perfect for carrying one or two extra watches. Jewel rolls for men are also

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available in black or brown leathers and will hold a few rings and cufflinks, a tie tack or tie bar and a few chains and watches.

With the large selection of travel jewel cases available, there's no reason not to sparkle when you travel.

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