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Wiccan Jewelry

The Wiccan religion believes that all things in nature including ourselves are sacred and have magickal properties. The rituals and ceremonies in this religion focus on using objects from the earth such as stones, sticks, crystals and herbs. Some of these items are used in the altar and "charged" with positive energy believed to protect the person holding it or wearing it.

Most jewelry used by followers of this religion are objects that promote healing and spiritual completeness. It can also be a symbol of transformation and appreciation of the Wiccan beliefs and traditions. The pentagram in a circle is the most recognizable symbol in the Wicca culture and it symbolizes the integration of the physical and spirit worlds.

Due to the aggressive nature of the organized religions, the Wicca or other pagan religions sometimes had to resort to secrecy in their daily lives, wearing symbols that are sacred to them mysteriously disguised as flowers or other intricate designs on pendants, bracelets, etc. Sometimes the jewelry may be in the shape of weapons such as the Athame, Sword or Thor's hammer to signify protection for the wearer.

The planets, the Sun and the Moon are also very important for Wiccans. As a result, moon shaped pendants, earrings, rings and amulets are very commonly used. Sometimes the combination of the new moon and full moon is worn to represent the Horned God, who represents the masculine polarity of the Universe. Also, the three phases of the moon, waxing, waning or full are used in several designs to revere the Lunar Triple Goddess.

Egyptian Hieroglyphs are also used in designs such as a circle with extensions for the cow goddess Hathor, who represents feminine centered Pagans. Other symbols that are used in Wiccan Jewelry are the Wheel of the Year with eight spokes and the Witch's sign, which is used to mark ritual tools.





The emblem of Seax-Wicca which symbolizes the sun, moon and the eight holy days and Hecate's wheel, an ancient Greek symbol also is used by certain practitioners of the religion. The seven pointed Elven Star is also used by followers of Celtic style Faery Wicca.

Asatru symbols as well as symbols from African and Native American cultures as well as ancient Hindu and Greek symbols are also used in Wiccan jewelry. Other themes for jewelry are female deities, male deities, Stonehenge, witches and wizards, Tree of life, Gothic Cross, Dragon and Fairy designs, Viking Axes and Shields, Viking Ships, Runic Horses, Bat wings, Tetragrammaton, Triquetra, Chakra wheels, Ravens, and Cat symbols.

Tarot card designs such as the Moon, the Sun, The Star and the World as well as the signs of the Zodiac (Aquarius, Taurus, Gemini, etc.), are very popular when used in traditional Wiccan jewelry.

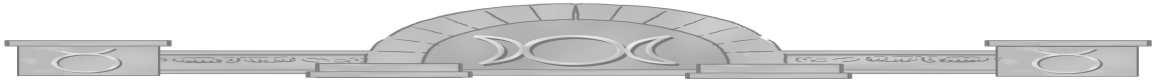
Most of the pendants are accented with Moonstones, Swarovski crystals, Celtic knot work, inlays, and gemstones which are believed to have special powers. Amber (for life and hope), Amethyst (for healing of mind and body), Carnelian (for strength and courage), Garnet (for friendship and love), Lapis (for change and promise), Rhodocrosite (for love attracting energy) are used as pendants of in necklaces. Other gemstones assumed to have healing properties are Rhodonite, Rose Quartz, Bloodstone, Clear Quartz, Obsidian, Blue Quartz, Aventurine, Citrine, Garnet, Agate, Labrodorite, Moonstone, Jasper, Onyx, Bloodstone, Hematite and Sodalite are used to make pendants, worry stones, wishing stones, amulets and rings. These natural stones are also used in rituals and ceremonies as well as spells.

Runes are sacred alphabets with hidden meanings that unlock the mysteries of the Universe. These alphabets are popular as pendants which are used for healing, magical rituals and divination.

Talismans are made by energizing these stone according to the natural element that it relates to so that these stones can then be used in rituals or carried around in sacks or small bags or even stitched into clothes. Soaking in water as well as keeping them in the moonlight or sunlight may energize some of these crystals.

Talismans are used to accomplish some specific purpose. Usually, the wearer creates a symbol or a written description of the purpose and keeps it in a secure pocket hidden in the talisman. These are usually made of metals such as pewter with angelic alphabet and powerful alchemic symbols and are meant to win favor from good spirits, for love, safety in travel, wisdom, talent, good luck, riches and good health.





As Wiccan Jewelry gets more popular, many websites devoted to this ancient practice has sprung up all over the internet. Many of the Wiccan jewelry sites sell gold, silver, pewter or other natural metal jewelry with designs of the Wicca tradition, interspersed with gems and symbols woven in traditional designs.

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