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*The Siren & The Pirate*  
Jewelry for the Adventurer

## Care Manual

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A handmade jewelry line created for the adventurer. Whether your adventure is hiking in the woods, traveling and experiencing a new country, setting sail into the unknown, or jumping on your bike and riding for miles with no rules and no plans.

The Siren & The Pirate is inspired by our innate desire to be explorers and dreamers. We believe that life and fantasy can become one, and our handmade jewelry and products will offer tokens of inspiration along your unique journey.

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## Artist Bio



Jewelry artist, Kelley Dominguez, came to the Turks and Caicos Islands in 2015 after quitting her job and selling everything she owned. Her life changing move was put in motion by a calling to explore the world. Her ambitions to live more deeply through bold, adventurous and self governing decisions lead her to discover her own creativity and a career as an artist. Her work is inspired by adventure and the resilience and beauty of the human spirit. Her hope is that

through creating, teaching and storytelling she can inspire others to embrace their own unique journey.

For more on Kelley and her blog please visit her website at [www.thesirenandthepirate.com](http://www.thesirenandthepirate.com)

Be sure to subscribe to her mailing list to receive the latest updates and special promotions!

### Other social media sites

Instagram [@thesirenandthepirate](https://www.instagram.com/thesirenandthepirate)

Facebook [@thesirenandthepirate](https://www.facebook.com/thesirenandthepirate)

Kelley offers free online tutorials on wire weaving and jewelry making on YouTube

YouTube Channel- <https://www.youtube.com/c/TheSirenandThePirate>



Thank you!

I would like to make a special thank you to you as a valued customer. I never would have imagined myself becoming a full time artist, but in the spirit of adventure I set out to explore. Not only did I explore the outside world, but along the way, I found something inside myself and a new world of possibilities.

You have helped to steady my heart and my mind through your support of my work.

I am grateful that you have allowed me to share my story with you through my art, and it is my hope that I can inspire you to seek more, explore more, create more and share your unique story.

Life is either a grand adventure...or nothing at all.

All of my best,

Kelley Dominguez



Sometimes all we need is just a new perspective.



## **Benefits of Copper**

The Siren and The Pirate uses bare copper wire as a staple in its jewelry collections. This means there is no tarnish resistance coating applied leaving the wearer open to its many benefits.

### **Copper as an essential nutrient**

Copper is an essential nutrient for the body. Together with iron, it enables the body to form red blood cells. It helps maintain healthy bones, blood vessels, nerves, and immune function, and it contributes to iron absorption. Sufficient copper in the diet may help prevent cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis, too.

### **Benefits of wearing copper jewelry**

Wearing copper jewelry has been considered to have therapeutic effects on the human body. There are inscriptions and several recorded versions of the usage of copper in this regard from as early as the Egyptian civilization. A pure copper bracelet has for long been considered to have invisible properties that ease inflammation and pain. Unless there is no allergy to the metal, wearing a pure copper bracelet or ring can work wonders to the energy levels and immunity of the body.

Other benefits that copper may help with

1. Joint stiffness and joint pain
2. Mineral absorption- zinc and iron
3. Increasing cardiovascular health
4. Healthier immune system
5. Anti-aging



## FAQ

### ***Q: Will the copper jewelry turn my skin green?***

A: Yes/maybe. Copper has many health benefits and wearing copper helps the wearer absorb its minerals in trace amounts. The green left on the skin is an indicator that the wearer is in need of and effectively absorbing the copper. Any green can easily be washed off with soap and water and there will be no damage or green markings on the jewelry piece. Overtime the amount of green left on the skin can decrease with regular wear.

### ***Q: Will my copper jewelry tarnish?***

A: Like all metals, copper tarnishes over time and with use. Exposing copper to air turns it black, and exposing it to water turns the surface greenish-blue. Here are some ways to keep your copper jewelry shiny using household items.

#### Lemon Juice and Baking Soda

You can make another natural cleaner by mixing lemon juice (or vinegar) and baking soda into a sudsy mixture. Apply to the copper and buff with a soft cloth. Rinse with water and dry. These mixtures work because the acid in the vinegar or lemon juice strips the oxidized patina from the copper and the salt acts as a mild abrasive to remove the grime. You can also use lime juice instead of lemon.

#### Ketchup

Grab a bottle of ketchup for the third natural cleaning idea. Yes, ketchup. This is how to clean copper with a condiment. The acid in the tomatoes cleans grime off copper. Rub a thin layer of ketchup on your copper item and buff till it shines. Rinse and dry.



### Pro polishing pads

These convenient polishing pads are pretreated and contain a slightly abrasive surface. They can be purchased on amazon or through riogrande.com

### Very fine steel wool 0000 and water

Using very fine steel wool simply run your piece under water and lightly buff with the steel wool.

### ***Q: Can I wear my copper jewelry in freshwater?***

A: Yes. Hot water and soap can offer a mild cleaning to your jewelry. It is, however, recommended that water exposure be kept to a minimum. Washing hands etc is okay.

### ***Q: Can I wear my copper jewelry in salt water?***

A: It is not recommended to wear your jewelry in salt water. Sea salt is very corrosive for copper and other metals.



"The mountains are calling and I must go."  
-John Muir

## Care instructions for copper jewelry

Most of the copper jewelry has been treated with liver of sulphur. This creates an instant dark patina on the surface of the copper. Patina is a green or dark film that develops on the surface of metals, produced by oxidation over a long period. Once the copper has been treated it is then polished with a cloth to create contrast, highlight detail and create an overall antique look.

Overtime the copper piece will continue to develop this patina as it is worn and exposed to the elements. To keep the antique look to your piece it is recommended to use a pro polishing pad or simply run your piece under water and use a piece of very fine steel wool to polish and re-highlight your jewelry. Using any type of liquid cleaners (e.g ketchup or lemon water, jewelry cleaning solutions) can take all the patina off completely leaving you with a shiny piece instead of an antiqued piece.

***To slow the oxidation process consider storing your jewelry in an airtight bag.***

You may find a difference in the look of your copper jewelry depending on the climate. Humid climates will cause your copper to patina at a faster rate than dry climates.

Please see above in frequently asked questions for further cleaning methods.



Travelers are dreamers who make their desires for adventure a reality,



## General Care Instructions for handmade jewelry

### Wearing:

- Prevent damage to your jewelry by avoiding exposure to sunlight and exposure to extreme conditions (e.g extreme heat/sunlight/heavy exercise)
- Allow self tanners, lotions, sun screens etc. to dry completely before wearing your jewelry.
- Remove jewelry before sleeping and showering.

### Storing

- Store jewelry in an air tight bag or box to help prevent oxidation.
- Storing one piece per bag will help prevent scratching and tangling.

### Cleaning

- Use the methods mentioned above for copper and silver metal jewelry.
- It is not recommended to use liquid tarnish removers and jewelry cleaners.
- To polish pieces with delicate stones or pearls use a damp cloth or polishing cloth.



Spontaneity is the best kind of adventure.

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