

## GARNET FACT SHEET



BIRTHSTONE: January

COLOURS: Mainly red but many others

MINERAL: Silicate

HARDNESS: 7.0 Mohrs, reasonably durable

## ABOUT GARNET

Garnets are the birthstone for January and gifted for the second year of marriage. The word garnet comes from the 14th-century Middle English word garnet, meaning 'dark red'. and associated with 'love' and 'power'.

Garnets are found in many colours including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, brown, black and colourless, with reddish shades of the Mozambique garnet most common. We also love the raspberry red shades of the rhodalite garnet and the vivid green of the tsavorite garnet.

Whatever your colour preferences it's important we help you choose a stone that's well cut and full of 'life'.

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## YOUR CARE GUIDE

Garnets are semi precious gem stones and reasonably durable but can break on impact. They are relatively cheaper than rubies, sapphires and emeralds to replace.

Warm soapy water is always safe for cleaning garnets. The ultrasonic cleaner is usually safe except for stones that have fractures. Steam cleaning is not recommended.

