



STONE: Emerald

COLORS: Green

HARDNESS: 7.5 - 8

OPTIMAL

CRITERIA: Emeralds are often heavily included making clean gemstones hard to find and considerably more expensive. The green of "emerald green" is incomparable. A dark slightly bluish green is most desirable but color distribution is often irregular.

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CARE &

MAINTENANCE: It is recommended not to regularly wear Emerald jewelry while doing the dishes or using other cleaning agents. Many Emeralds are impregnated with oil and waxes to fill inclusions and these treatments could seep out during these activities. Use a soft cloth with water and mild soap.

Care must always be given to how the stone is handled.

BACKGROUND: Emerald deposits were first mined in Columbia by native tribes that were rediscovered in the 17th Century. Many nations have famous and important Emerald specimens of several hundred carats.