



# Peridot

**STONE:** Peridot

**COLORS:** Olive to Lime Green

**HARDNESS:** 7

## OPTIMAL

**CRITERIA:** The greener the stone, the higher the value; even a slight tinge of brown diminishes the price. Clarity is also of utmost importance since flaws also degrade the value. Size, however, doesn't necessarily impact the value of the stone since they can be found in larger sizes.

## CARE &

**MAINTENANCE:** Use a soft cloth with water or water and mild soap.  
Care must always be given to how the stone is handled.

**BACKGROUND:** There was an island in the midst of the Red Sea (Zabargad), in shark-infested waters, off the coast of Egypt that was saturated with Peridot gemstones. Egyptians used Peridot for beads and later, Crusaders brought the stones back to Europe. Peridot was the most popular gemstone during the Baroque period.

**FOLKLORE:** According to ancient Greek manuscripts, Peridot bestows royalty and dignity to its wearer.