



# Tanzanite

**STONE:** Tanzanite

**COLORS:** Sapphire Blue, Purplish Blue

**HARDINESS:** 6.5 - 7

## OPTIMAL

**CRITERIA:** The color should be comparable a deep sapphire blue.

## CARE &

**MAINTENANCE:** Use a soft cloth with water or water and mild soap. Care must always be given to how the stone is handled. Tanzanites can not be steamed as they might crack.

**BACKGROUND:** Tanzanite is found in Tanzania, Africa and is named after that region. Tiffany & Co. was the first New York jeweler to introduce the gemstone.

**FOLKLORE:** Tanzanite is found in the ground as a brown stone and turns to the velvet purple-blue when heated. According to the legend, no one knew that heat changed Tanzanite into its velvet blue until lightning struck an African field that contained brown Tanzanite and transformed it to the color we see today.