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About this catalog

This is our first specialty catalog!

Rings & Things carries a complete line of quality jewelry supplies for professional craftspeople. In fact, our offerings are so extensive that we had to give some product lines their very own catalogs. To request a copy of our main wholesale catalog and seasonal supplements of new products, please call 1 (800) 366-2156.



Stock numbers

Complete stock numbers are in regular typeface. When you see a **bold** stock number, it means you need to select a color/style number from the ones listed to create a complete stock number.

Measurements & descriptions

Measurements are given in millimeters (mm) for most items. While we strive to be precise, measurements are approximate and may vary slightly.

1mm = 0.04" 1" = 25.4mm

The measurements given for each charm are height x width x thickness and include the loop. Loop measurements are for the inner diameter (hole size), so you'll know what size cord or component will fit. Text that is actually written on a charm has quotation marks in the charm's name or description.


Quantities

Each (ea) = 1 piece
Dozen (doz) = 12 pieces
½ gross (½GR) = 72 pieces (6 dozen)
Gross (GR) = 144 pieces (12 dozen)

Silver prices

The prices in this catalog are based on a \$17.50 silver market. Rings & Things does not change prices daily with the silver market, but we do occasionally raise or lower our prices when continuing metal-market trends affect our cost of goods. **All prices are subject to change without notice.**

Lead content

Base-metal (non-precious) charms are suitable for jewelry under California's Lead-Containing Jewelry Law if they contain under a certain amount of lead. Items in this catalog with this icon  are in compliance with CA lead limits. As of press time (2/2008), we are in the process of contacting our vendors and testing many of our products. Information will be added to our online store and future catalogs as it becomes available. CA residents/retailers: please visit our online store (www.rings-things.com) or call to find out the suitability of particular charms.

Please note that sterling silver does not contain lead. All sterling silver charms are suitable for use in jewelry.

Children's jewelry

Rings & Things products are not intended to be used by children under the age of 7, or for use in children's jewelry.

Other ways to shop Rings & Things Wholesale

- Call our friendly sales staff (Monday–Friday, 9am–5pm Pacific Standard Time).
- Online at www.rings-things.com: everything featured in our print catalogs is in our online store, plus hundreds of limited-stock, web-only and closeout items.
- In person at our wholesale showroom in Spokane, Washington.
- Across the country at our traveling bead shows! Visit www.rings-things.com/show for the full schedule.

Metal colors and platings

Base-metal charms are available in a variety of colors. Antiqued platings have dark (antiqued) crevices; all other platings are bright and shiny.

- **Raw Brass (-0)** Unplated brass; not quite as shiny as plated finishes.
- **White (-1)** Silver colored; a bit grayer but longer lasting than silver plate.
- **Yellow (-2)** Gold colored; slightly brassier but longer lasting than gold plate. Matches raw yellow brass.
- **Silver Plate (-3)** Real silver over base metal. Matches the color of sterling silver.
- **Gold Plate (-4)** Very thin deposit of gold over base metal. Close to 14-karat gold in color.
- **Antiqued Pewter (-5 or -AP)** Does not contain actual pewter.
- **Antiqued Brass or Antiqued Bronze (-6 or -AB)**
- **Antiqued Copper (-7 or -AC)**
- **Copper Plate (-8)** Shiny copper color.
- **Gunmetal (-9)** Black nickel plating; looks antiqued but is more durable.
- **Antiqued Gold (-AG)** Similar to 14-karat gold in color, but darker.
- **Antiqued Silver (-AS)** Similar to sterling silver in color, but darker.

Patinas and antiqued finishes

A patina is a corrosion or oxidation on a metal surface. Rust on iron is one example; tarnish on silver is another. Patinas often form naturally by long exposure, but can also be created artificially.

Sterling silver will naturally tarnish (gain a patina), unless polished. Often what happens with a well-worn piece of sterling is that the patina forms in low spots and crevices, but high points remain naturally polished, due to constant contact that keeps it shiny. Antiqued finishes mimic this natural process.

The following examples show the effects of **Win-Ox™ Miracle Oxidizer (#86-343)** on sterling silver, raw brass, and common platings. The first item in each image is in its original state, as purchased. The second item was antiqued with Win-Ox and simply rinsed. Where a third item is shown, it was then polished with a polishing cloth.



Sterling Silver



White Plate



Raw Brass



Yellow Plate



Silver Plate



Gold Plate

Unplated charms (sterling silver and raw brass) show the greatest effect, followed by the white-plated charms.

Since the silver-plated and gold-plated charms were already antiqued by the manufacturer, very little change can be seen on these finishes.

Rings & Things sells several antiquing solutions and various books that cover their uses in detail. Please see www.rings-things.com for several DIY options for creating patinas and antiqued finishes on different materials.

Cleaning Your Components: Because of the way some components are produced, they might be covered in a thin (often invisible) layer of grease that will prevent both antiqued finishes and patinas from working properly. Contaminants such as lint and dust can also get in the way. So, components must be thoroughly cleaned before being treated. For complete degreasing, wash with a detergent in warm water, rinse well and dry with some agitation to prevent water spots. Heat lamps, warm boxwood sawdust and similar methods work for speed drying.