

What Is Jade?

There are two kinds of Jade: their geological names are **Nephrite** and **Jadeite**.

Nephrite is found in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Russia, Wyoming and in other small deposits around the world. Nephrite is a silicate of calcium and magnesium.

Jadeite is found in an area around the northern Burmese border with China. Jadeite is a silicate of sodium and aluminium.

The common names for Nephrite are **Greenstone** or in Maori - **Pounamu**.

Do they look different?

Yes, Nephrite is richer in colour with interesting inclusions, rivers and other variations of colour. Jadeite is a rare mineral and the lighter brighter colours have the greatest value. Jade can be either dark or light, from almost black-green, through greens, rust to light/nearly white in colour.

Is one kind of Jade more valuable than the other?

No, the preference is personal. Some people like dark stone and some prefer light coloured stone. The preferences generally depend on where you come from - your ethnicity.

What should I look out for when buying Jade?

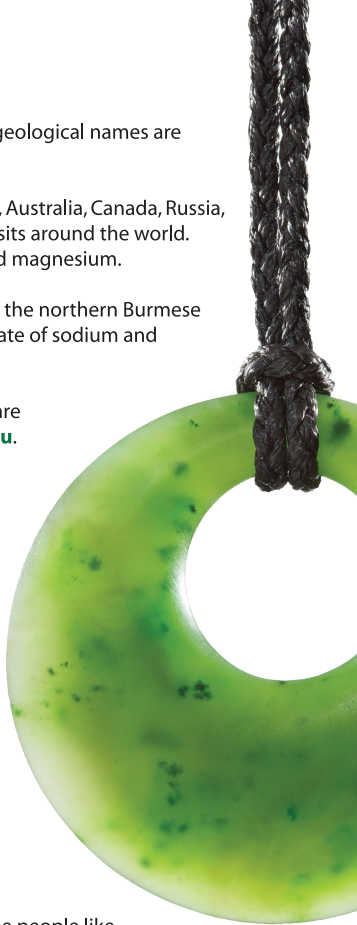
Look for richness of colour. Some Jade can be muddy or dull in colour. Look for translucence. The beauty of Jade is seen in the way light reflects and moves through the stone.

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Pendant Meanings

Below is a guide to the most popular pendant shapes to help you choose the most appropriate one for yourself or your loved one. These photos represent the basic shapes but due to the creativity of the carvers there are many designs themed around these shapes for you to choose from.



Fish Hook *Hei Matau*

To gift the jade fish hook pendant is to wish prosperity and good health for the wearer. It also represents strength and determination, as well as promising safe passage over water.



Spiral *Koru*

Derived from the unfurling fern frond, the spiral depicts new beginnings, growth and harmony. The spiral can also express the promise of a meaningful relationship.



Twists or Crossover

A seamless design that can involve a single or several turns. It represents the bonding of a special friendship or relationship.



Toki

Originally used as a carving tool, developed as a ceremonial, inherited Taonga (treasure). A toki symbolises strength and courage.



Manaia

The carrier of supernatural powers. Traditionally depicted with the head of a bird, the body of a man and the tail of a fish - representing sky, earth and sea, and the balance between them. Protects the wearer from evil.