

Suzanne Storms

Custom Horsehair Jewelry

Requirements For Preparing And Cutting Horsehair

Wonderful Memories

Hair weaving is a lost art that was once extremely popular in the United States during the Victorian Period (1850-1900). Victorian artists produced the finest jewelry for all occasions worn by both ladies and gentlemen. Today, Suzanne Storms is the only Hairwork artists that WEAVES* horse hair into a variety of beautiful patterns for use in different types of exceptional jewelry. Suzanne custom designs her own precious metal findings © to accentuate her hairwork. Suzanne is internationally known in the equine world as a fine artist of beautiful equine jewelry.

Suzanne specializes in weaving horsehair because of its luster, strength and enduring qualities. Every item is hand crafted giving it a distinctive look to be cherished forever. Horse owners now have the opportunity to wear a magnificent creation made from the hair of a very special horse.

If you wish to have Suzanne weave a distinctive article of jewelry made from your horse's hair then it is important that you adhere to the standards below.

Requirements

- **Bracelets:** Standard ¼ inch diameter spiral weave requires a bundle of 200 strands at least 24 inches long.
- **Bracelets:** Small 1/8-inch diameter spiral weave requires a bundle of 125 strands at least 22 inches long.
- **Horseshoe Bracelet** 1/8th inch diameter: A bundle of 100 strands at least 18 inches long.
- **Filigree Bracelet** 3/16th inch diameter: A bundle of 150 strands at least 20 inches long
- **Ring** (flat weave): A bundle of 100 strands at least 18 inches long
- **Ring** (spiral weave): A bundle of 100 strands at least 18 inches long
- **Horseshoe Necklace** 1/8th inch diameter: A bundle of 100 strands at least 18 inches long
- **Hair Necklace**, long spiral weave 3/16th inch diameter: A bundle of 200 strands at least 30 inches long
- **Heart:** A bundle of 100 strands at least 18 inches long
- **Earrings:** A bundle of 100 strands at least 18 inches long.
- **Bar Pin/Bar Necklace:** A bundle of 100 strands at least 18 inches long
- **Circle Necklace/Charm:** A bundle of 100 strands at least 18 inches long

Procedure

- Select 2 to 3 of the longest strands of tail hair and pull. This will not hurt the horse. The minimum length must meet the

requirements listed above. Continue this procedure from different parts of the tail so there will not be any noticeable voids. Using scissors may result in many hairs being too short and unusable.

- Be careful so hair does not tangle or knot.
- Keep hair from more than one horse in separate bundles.
- Tie one end of the bundle with a rubber band.
- Coil loosely and place each bundle into a separate plastic bag.
- Mark or tag each bag with the name of the breed, full name of the horse and nick name of horse. This information will be used with the presentation package.
- Place bag(s) in large envelope and send certified mail to Suzanne Storms. All unused hair will be returned if requested.
- Complete the order form that is available with Suzanne's brochure or print a copy from her web site.
- Make sure that all precious metals or precious stones are insured for the full value when shipped. The best method for shipping precious metals/stones is "Registered Mail" with the Post Office. Your best option is to have precious stones insured by an insurance company.
- It is best to ship all orders to Suzanne's Post Office box. The Post Office will hold mail while Suzanne is attending events. UPS and FedEx will return packages not claimed after three working days.

Comments

- There is a preparation fee for each order to have horsehair inspected, washed, sanitized, sorted and counted.
- There may be an additional charge if the hair is shorter than specified because of added set-up time.
- There will be an additional charge for blending hair from three or more horses.
- Suzanne's web site automatically calculates the current price of each item based on the gold/platinum market price.
- A 30% deposit is required for each order. Final payment is made on completion of the work. **You can also set your own terms to pay whatever you want, whenever you want without any interest or fees.**

Note

* Much of the work done with horsehair is a result of braiding and knotting and is not used in fine jewelry. Only Suzanne Storms has revived the lost Victorian art of Hairwork to inlay horsehair onto exceptional jewelry.

All jewelry and weaving is hand crafted in the USA