TOURMALINE

Mohs Hardness: 7 - 7.5

Birthstone: October (along with Opal)

Color: Red, Pink, Orange, Yellow, Green, Teal, Blue, Purple, Black, Brown, Colorless, Bi-Color, Tri-Color, Cat's Eye

Common Origins: Brazil, Nigeria, Mozambique, Namibia, Madagascar, Tanzania, Zambia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the United States, among others.

Treatments and Enhancements:

- Many colors of tourmalines undergo heat treatment or irradiation to alter or enhance color. These treatments are considered stable.
- Some stones undergo fracture filling to improve apparent clarity

Jewelry Use:

- Suitable for all types of jewelry
- Inclusions and cut can impact durability, wear with care; avoid sharp impacts or rough handling

Care and Cleaning:

- Clean using warm, soapy water and a soft toothbrush
- Do **not** use ultrasonic or steam cleaners
- Protect from high heat and sudden temperature changes

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