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WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A LOCKET

SUSAN EISEN, AUTHOR OF *CRAZY ABOUT JEWELRY*, SHARES TIPS ON HOW TO BUY A LOCKET.

LOCKETS ARE NOT SUPER EASY TO FIND; NOT ALL STORES CARRY THEM. DO SOME RESEARCH TO FIND A JEWELER THAT OFFERS THE STYLE OF LOCKET YOU'RE SEEKING.

CHECK FOR THE THICKNESS OF THE PRECIOUS METAL. IF IT'S VERY THIN AND STAMPED OUT BY A MACHINE, THE CHANCE FOR DAMAGE IS GREATER. THE THICKER IT IS, THE MORE DURABLE IT WILL BE AND THE LONGER IT WILL LAST.

THE HINGE SHOULD BE TIGHT, AND THE CLASP SHOULD BE TIGHT, SO WHEN YOU CLOSE IT YOU HEAR A CLICK.

A LOCKET THAT IS REPOUSSED CHASED, WHERE THE DESIGN IS PUSHED OUT FROM THE BACK, KIND OF LIKE AN EMBOSING, IS MUCH MORE VALUABLE AND FEELS A LOT MORE SCULPTURAL. LOCKETS WITH GEMSTONES AND DIAMONDS ALSO ARE MORE VALUABLE AND MORE SOUGHT AFTER.

PRESENTING THE LOCKET TO THE RECIPIENT IN A BEAUTIFUL BOX WITH A POUCH TO KEEP IT IN IS A GOOD WAY TO PREVENT DAMAGE. SINCE LOCKETS ARE HOLLOW, IF THEY ARE NOT TAKEN CARE OF PROPERLY, THERE IS MORE CHANCE FOR SCUFF MARKS AND DENTS.

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