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COPPER CARE INFORMATION

Copper is a soft metal and ages beautifully. Our patina processes are applied to accelerate the aging process, particularly on interior pieces.

We offer a number of copper finishes, utilizing a variety of application techniques. Please be aware and understand that these finishes are hand-applied the copper can react in different ways due to environmental variables such as the atmosphere or temperature. Because of this fact, there may be variations in the color or finish.

Most of our work is done in more of an aged brown copper finish with various highlights or darker "imperfections". We then apply by hand a paste wax protective coating, which results in what is called a "living finish." The paste wax protective coating will slow the aging process down (versus leaving it raw), but it will continue to darken. And as I mentioned before, environmental factors may cause some areas to age more quickly and/or differently than others.

There is no way to really control this, but the aged/antique look is one of the characteristics of our copper work typically sought after by our customers and collectors of handcrafted copper work. However, occasional re-waxing every six months or so will help the color stay as stable as possible. We have found that Johnson's Paste Wax is best suited for this. You can find this at any local hardware store.

CLEANING YOUR COPPER PIECE

Do not use abrasive cleaners/pads (such as Scotchbrite) or use harsh / abrasive chemicals. These products will remove the patina. You can use a small amount of mild soap such as mild dish soap with a soft moist cloth to wipe the surface. OF NOTE: Copper is naturally antibacterial and because of this, frequent cleaning is not necessary. Most of the time, just light dusting with a soft cloth/duster is sufficient to maintain your copper.

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