

GREY PEARL

Jewellery Art & Design

This is a e-newsletter about art, jewellery, design and all things related to my new vocation and interest. The designs and photos are all mine if not otherwise stated.

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SIZE and MEASURE - NEW DESIGNS

Enough with the jumbled "Christmas-fair" mood!

When sobering up from the dazzle and sparkle it's time to bring on mundane issues like size and measurements.

The satisfaction of a new piece of jewellery is short lived if the size is wrong!



Bungee Rainbow Bracelet, or rather Chakra colours, if you think in those terms:

Little Chalcedony droplets on a champagne, silver or gold plated loong chain, gathered together on a sturdy elastic string.

Price: € 90,- with 7 charms

Price: € 75,- with 4 charms

Long - longer - longest

Size - not splendor - is crucial to whether a piece of jewellery becomes a favourite or ends up in a drawer.

In January I was up in Norway meeting with great girls and got lots of useful and positive feedback. One thing came up again and again - size. Or rather, length, both for bracelets and necklaces.

Thanks girls, important observations! Far too many adornments stay unused in drawers - I don't want that fate for mine. Because, just a tiny bit too tight or too long is enough to make any bracelet or necklace uncomfortable or unflattering. And eventually unused!

I also experienced how hard it can be to take an accurate measure. At the next Grey Pearl happening I will make sure to be equipped with both a measuring tape and a measuring chain.



One size or customise?

Both! A little bit of both is needed.

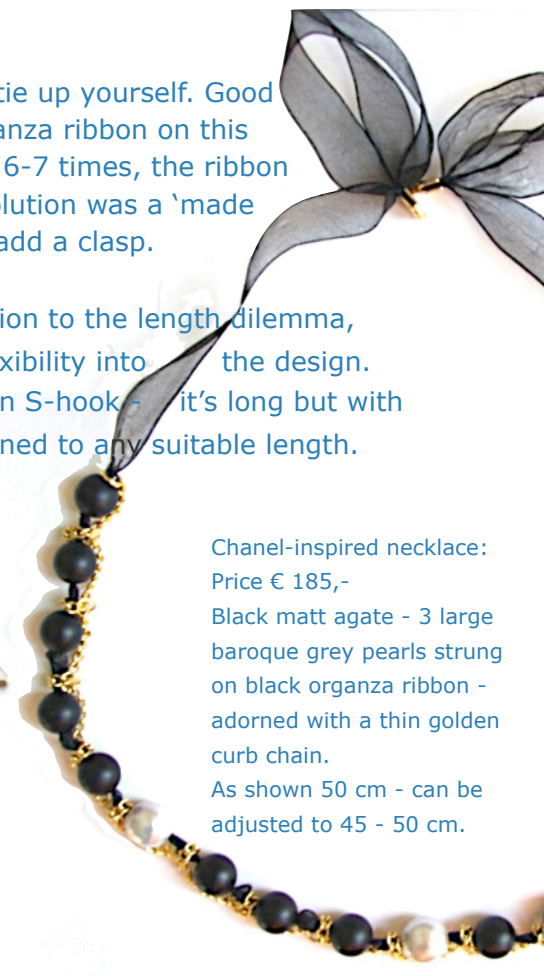
Bungee type bracelets are elastic and in principle a great 'one size fits all' solution. Certainly a relief with no fidgety clasp! But even a stretch bracelet is better when the size is right. It definitely looks and feels better if it's not too tight.

Another solution is the necklace you tie up yourself. Good for certain materials, but when the organza ribbon on this Chanel inspired necklace had been tied 6-7 times, the ribbon started to look tired. In this case the solution was a 'made to measure' length, to fix the bow and add a clasp.

An extender chain is a common solution to the length dilemma, but better still can be to incorporate flexibility into the design. Like this dainty dolphin necklace with an S-hook - it's long but with S-hook and extra rings it can be shortened to any suitable length.



Baby Dolphin necklace.
Tiny mother of pearl dolphins on a 70 cm chain.
Tiny vermeil S hook for easy bracelet use.
Price € 100,-



Chanel-inspired necklace:
Price € 185,-
Black matt agate - 3 large baroque grey pearls strung on black organza ribbon - adorned with a thin golden curb chain.
As shown 50 cm - can be adjusted to 45 - 50 cm.

Personal note:

Made to measure - custom design - one off...

I just love to make a piece that perfectly fits the wearer. To have it sit at the right spot, in colours and materials that make the skin glow and the person shine.

Pep is my aim!

Personality Enhancing

Pieces - **PEP** - that's what I want to make. Don't you want pep?

Choosing the right colours for pep is one thing, but the right type of necklace in the right size is crucial for maximum pep.

More new designs on the website!

Check out both Fairy Chains and the [Crystal Chain](#) bracelets, as seen below.



Necklace - size and name

Choker, lariat, rope - you may have noticed the terms? And like me, never paid much attention to the meaning. But when I *do* notice, it hits me that they sound a little bit cruel, or restricting at least. Restricting jewellery is exactly what I want to avoid, so understanding terms and measurements is crucial when discussing size and making sure an order is correctly understood.

How to measure? This is the easiest way:

Let's say you want the princess length; just take an old necklace, place it right where you want it, just below *your* collar bone, and carefully measure the necessary length. That should help us avoid later adjustments. When deciding which type of necklace is best for you, take into consideration the type of necklines you tend to use. Neckline and necklace should enhance each other.



Collar - Sits tight and high up on the neck. Typically multi strand. 31-36 cm.



Choker - tight fitting, as the name indicates, but lower down, just above the collar bone. Usually single strand. 36-40 cm.



Princess - Lies just below the collar bone. Good for pendants. Length 45-50 cm.



Matinee - Worn down to the breast bone. Versatile, great both for casual or business. 50-65 cm.



Opera - wear loose and long for dramatic effect, or with a double loop around neck for more elegant look. 70-80 cm.

cm	inch
40	15.5
45	17.5
50	19.5
55	21.5
60	23.5
65	25.5
70	27.5
80	31.5
90	35.5
100	39.5

Lariat - No clasp on a lariat. Worn like a lasso or with knots in front, in loops around the neck, as a tie or even as a belt. 100-130 cm or more.



Rope - multi use. Several clasps placed around the necklace can give combinations of multiple strands or bracelets. Or wear it with a loose big knot in front, multiple loops, or as a multi-strand bracelet. 80-110 cm.



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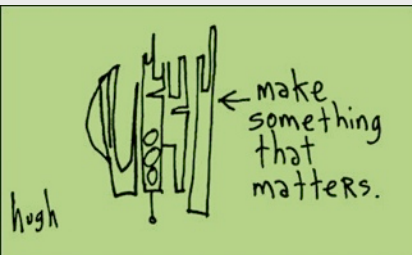
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I promised new designs before christmas and so it shall be!

Mother of pearl -

MOP for short - is another favourite material of mine. Lately, both pearls and Mop come in dyed versions. Some dyes can look harsh on this soft natural material, but I found this avocado green shade particularly pleasing!

These MOP strands are not finished pieces but design ideas for necklaces. They are ideal starting points for new custom designs - designed *with you*.

I show them at this stage so *you* can toy with ideas as well. Short or long - green or white - or both - with pearls, or not, between the rings?

See, that would all depend on size again, don't you think?

The Grey Pearl website

has a gallery of [wedding ideas](#) and this heart shape had me thinking wedding dress adornments. Isn't the soft white of mother of pearl just perfect? And why not bring in a touch of green for love and hope?



Green matters! - Tittin @ GREY PEARL