

AMETHYST - WORKSHOP '25

Welcome to the Enchanting World of Amethyst

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- The word “amethyst” comes from the Greek word amethystos, meaning “not intoxicated” (International Gem Society).
- Ancient Romans drank from amethyst goblets, believing it would prevent drunkenness (GIA).
- Amethyst was once considered as valuable as diamonds until large deposits were discovered in Brazil (GIA).
- The British Crown Jewels feature several stunning amethysts (Royal Collection Trust).

Introduction to Amethyst

- Amethyst is a **violet variety of quartz**, loved for its **deep, luxurious hues and spiritual significance** (GIA).
- Used in **jewelry, healing, and meditation** for centuries (International Gem Society).
- One of the most **well-known** and **widely available semi-precious gemstones** (GIA).



What is Amethyst Known As?

- **"The Gemstone of Spirituality & Serenity"**
– Linked to inner peace and balance (GIA).
- Sometimes referred to as the **"Bishop's Stone"**, as Catholic **bishops traditionally wore amethyst rings** (International Gem Society).



Amethyst's Unique Colors & Grading

- **Colors:** Shades range from deep royal purple to pale lavender (GIA).
- **Factors Affecting Color:** Heat, iron, and irradiation (International Gem Society).

Grading:

- **AAA Grade:** Deep royal purple, highly transparent, minimal inclusions
 - **AA Grade:** Medium purple with minor inclusions
 - **A Grade:** Lighter lavender shade with visible inclusions
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- **Visuals:** Side-by-side images of different grades of amethyst

AMETHYST COLOURS



Rose de France



lavender



grape



indigo



royal



raspberry



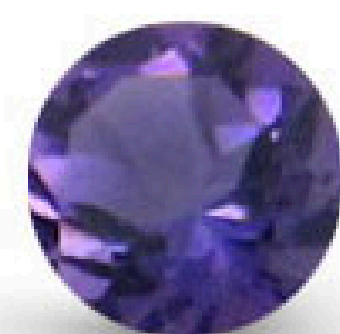
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AA



AAA



AAAA

Origin of Amethyst

Major Sources:

- **Brazil & Uruguay** – High-quality deep purple amethyst.
- **Russia (Siberia)** – Historically prized for rich color.
- **Zambia** – Vibrant purples with red flashes (GIA).
- The **largest amethyst geodes** are **found in Uruguay**, with **brehtaking deep purple hues** (International Gem Society).
- **Rose de France** Amethyst – **A pastel pinkish-lilac** variety **mainly from Brazil** (Shop LC).





Value depends on:

- **Color:** Deep, vibrant purple is the most valuable (GIA).
- **Clarity:** Eye-clean stones are preferred.
- **Cut:** Well-cut stones enhance brilliance.
- **Carat Weight:** Larger stones are common but still valuable (International Gem Society).

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AAAA Rose De France Amethyst (Hrt 10 mm) 3.00 ctw

Caring for Amethyst & Jewelry Precautions

Do:

- Use mild soap and water for cleaning (GIA).
- Store separately to avoid scratching from harder gemstones (International Gem Society).

Don't:

- Expose to prolonged sunlight—can cause fading over time (GIA).
- Use ultrasonic cleaners especially if stone has fractures (GIA)



Characteristics of Amethyst Cuts

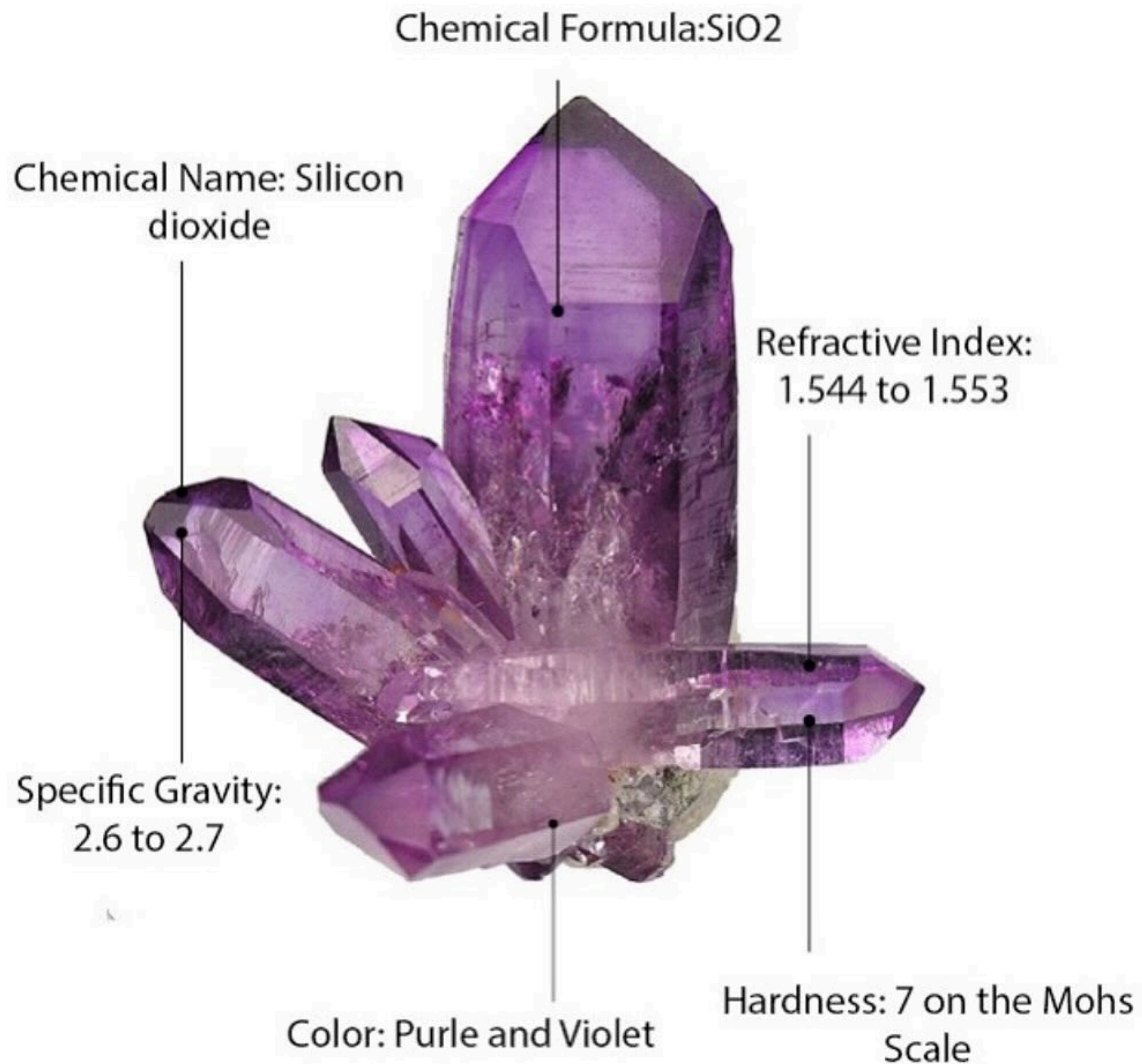
- **Common Cuts:** Round, oval, emerald, cushion, and cabochon (GIA).
- **Best Cuts for Color Enhancement:** Step cuts (Emerald, Asscher) for deep tones, brilliant cuts for sparkle (International Gem Society).

The 4C's of Amethyst

- **Color:** The most crucial factor; deep purple with red flashes is ideal (GIA).
- **Clarity:** High transparency with minimal inclusions (International Gem Society).
- **Cut:** Maximizes brilliance; checkerboard and step cuts are popular (GIA).
- **Carat Weight:** Commonly found in larger sizes; price varies by color quality (Shop LC).



AMETHYST PROPERTIES



- **Composition:** Silicon dioxide (Quartz family) (GIA).
- **Crystal System:** Hexagonal.
- **Hardness:** 7 on the Mohs scale.
- **Formation:** Forms in geodes within volcanic rocks over millions of years.

Famous Amethyst Pieces in History



- **The Delhi Purple Sapphire:** A misidentified amethyst believed to be cursed (Natural History Museum, London).
- **Catherine the Great's Amethyst Necklace:** A royal heirloom from Russia.
- **Amethyst Tiara of Queen Silvia of Sweden:** Worn by Swedish royalty (GIA).

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- Also known as **Napoleonic Amethyst diadem** (tatler.com)

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- **Queen Mary's Amethyst Tiara and Necklace:** A stunning amethyst parure, including a tiara, necklace, earrings, and a 19th-century ring, was likely gifted to Queen Mary in 1893. She wore the set for portraits as the Duchess of York and later as the Princess of Wales.

Gemlore of Amethyst

Folklore

- **Ancient Greeks and Romans** believed amethyst could **prevent intoxication**. They drank from **amethyst-encrusted goblets** to **stay sober** (GIA).
- **Medieval soldiers** wore amethyst **amulets for protection and courage in battle** (International Gem Society).

Beliefs

- Amethyst is thought to **enhance clarity, calmness, and intuition**. It is often **used in meditation and spiritual practices** (GIA).
- Some believe it **promotes emotional balance** and relieves **stress and anxiety** (WonderDig).



Gemlore of Amethyst



Legends

- According to Greek mythology, the gemstone originated from a maiden named Amethyst, whom the goddess Artemis turned into quartz to protect her from Dionysus, the god of wine. Dionysus later wept tears of wine over the crystal, giving it its purple hue (International Gem Society).

Myths

- Amethyst is believed to ward off evil, protect against nightmares, and bring good fortune (Royal Watcher Blog).
- Some cultures associate it with the crown chakra, believing it fosters wisdom and spiritual enlightenment (WonderDig).

Amethyst Quiz – Let's Have Some Fun!



1. What is Amethyst commonly known as?
 - a) The Gemstone of Royalty
 - b) The Stone of Sobriety
 - c) The Traveler's Stone
 - d) The Fortune Gem

2. Which of these countries is a major source of Amethyst?
 - a) Italy
 - b) Brazil
 - c) India
 - d) Japan

3. What is the best way to clean Amethyst jewelry?
 - a) Soak it in hot water
 - b) Use mild soap and warm water
 - c) Scrub with toothpaste
 - d) Leave it in direct sunlight to purify

4. True or False: Amethyst was once as valuable as diamonds.



5. Which mythological figure is associated with the legend of Amethyst's origin?

- a) Zeus
- b) Dionysus
- c) Aphrodite
- d) Poseidon

6. What is the most desirable Amethyst color?

- a) Light pinkish-purple
- b) Deep, rich purple with reddish hues
- c) Bright neon purple
- d) Pale lavender

7. What is Amethyst's rank on the Mohs hardness scale?

- a) 4
- b) 6
- c) 7
- d) 9



8. What is one way Amethyst has been used in folklore?

- a) To prevent intoxication
- b) To ward off vampires
- c) To increase wealth overnight
- d) To summon rain

9. Which of the following is NOT a part of the 4Cs of Amethyst?

- a) Cut
- b) Carat
- c) Clarity
- d) Composition

If you could design your own Amethyst jewelry, what would it look like and why?



A special day to
shower your love to
lovers, family, and
friends. Thank you
for making it special
by joining us!

Happy Valentine's
day to you and all
your loved ones



Stay Curious, Stay Inspired!

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