

Handcrafted Jewelry Guidelines

Under consideration by the
Old Town Portal Market Advisory Board

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Stringing beads from loose stock or unfinished strands is allowed with the following exceptions.

1. Premanufactured Special Shaped Beads (including but not limited to pendant shaped beads and beads representative of iconic symbols such as hearts, crosses, and animal shapes (beads that exhibit executed art/design work, other than general shaping not executed by the craft-person)) may only be used:

A. As a Centerpiece (the Focal Point of a piece) after having been significantly altered by the Craft Unit.

B. As a component that has been crafted into a more dynamic component by the artisan thus representing a significant alteration of the original bead.

Example: A Premanufactured Special Shape Bead that has been crafted into a pendant with the use of additional materials and an executed design effort and crafted execution on the part of the craft person.*

C. As a multiple of similarly shaped beads, two (2) or more similarly shaped beads where the overall piece has been enhanced with additional craft-work done by the Craft Unit.

D. As a single Bead that is approximately the same size or smaller than the surrounding beads on the item.*

2. Stringing Liquid Silver is allowed without restriction.

3. The use of pre-manufactured centerpieces such as pendants and charms is not allowed.*

4. Restringing an already finished product without alteration is not allowed.

5. Restringing an already finished product into a new piece where the pattern has been altered in some significant way is allowed.

6. Slabs must be made by the craft unit.*

7. Premanufactured inlay cabs are not allowed.*

8. Mosaic or Inlaid shells must be made by the craft unit.

For the purpose of these guidelines Special Shape findings that have not been drilled all the way thru are not considered Beads and are not allowed.*

*Reflect possible changes that were brought up at the Board Meeting.

Vendors are welcome to submit written comments for or against any changes as well as any other possible changes to the Handcrafted Jewelry Guidelines that might prove beneficial to the Portal Market program.