

Sakou (Wampum) Jewelry Color Sheet Retail

Rings *

Cover Item #	Catalog #	Price
R204	R1029	\$ 10.00
R136	R1018	\$ 12.00
R155	R1009	\$ 12.00
R1699		Discontinued
R160	R1011	\$ 12.00
R198	R1026	\$ 10.00
R173		Discontinued
R118	R1003	\$ 10.00
R120	R1004	\$ 12.00

Earrings *

Cover Item #	Catalog #	Price
A021	E1074	\$ 24.00
E424	E1057	\$ 24.00
E420		Discontinued
E006	E1115	\$ 12.00
304/S	E1030	\$ 30.00
E141C	E1093	\$ 24.00

Pendants *

Cover Item #	Catalog #	Price
P605	P1018	\$ 15.00
P607	P1016	\$ 15.00
#11	P1002	\$ 50.00
P-1 S-WR	S6009	\$ 20.00

Necklaces *

Cover Item #	Catalog #	Price
0008		Discontinued
HH		Discontinued
1006s	P1003	\$ 98.00
1204	P1011	\$ 70.00
1105s	P1008	\$ 140.00
S002		Discontinued

Bracelets *

Cover Item #	Catalog #	Price
BR BT-1	BN6005	\$ 120.00
BR 1088	BR2033	\$ 74.00
BR L-1	L6006	\$ 250.00
BR-311	BR1010	\$ 100.00
BR701	BR1000	\$ 50.00
CA001	BR1040	\$ 60.00
CC	BR1009	\$ 90.00

*See Catalogs for entire lines:

SAKOU (WAMPUM) STORY

This jewelry is made from poquahock (quahaug) clam shell, 'Mercenaria mercenaria' traditionally called Sakou, meaning Black or Dark Purple in the Algonquian language. The current common use of the word sakou as wampum comes from the 1600's English-speaking people's misinterpretation and grouping of the word wampumpeage white with the sakou black. This happened when used as a currency system with a fixed value for trade purposes of the commodities of corn, peltries, beans, squash, and various other products between the people of Europe with the Indigenous American people of the lands of current New England and the Northeast Corridor of what is now the United States of America.

The original Northeast US population of this area speaks two main languages, commonly known as Iroquoian and Algonquian, which are as different in sound as French is to English is to Dutch is to Portuguese, etcetera. Although many people, including Indigenous Americans call this purple shell jewelry "wampum", this is inaccurate. Wampum means White, and specifically, wampumpeage means the white portion of the inner spiral of the white channel whelk shell hand made into beads and hand strung onto a chord. The trade value results from the amount of work it takes for the artisan to carve beads of white and black-purple from the channeled whelk and poquahock shells. Wampeye represents internal peace and calm whereas sakau represents the darkness surrounding the internal peace.

CATALOGS

We have been making Sakou since 1973. We make an effort to bring in Indigenous American artisans who craft jewelry into our catalog lines and clarify the use of the word "wampeye", "wompampeage", "sakau", and "suckauhock" in accurate everyday communication.

The poquahock (quahaug) clam shell originates in the US. Some jewelry is crafted overseas. We have many of the Dine Indigenous artist mark files on record.

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- 0000 – **Costume**
Silver-plated settings, made in the US
- 0000/1000 – **Natural** Earrings & Pendants
Sterling Silver Findings, crated overseas
- 1000 – **Sterling Silver** - Non-Indigenous American
Imported
- 2000 – **Dine Indigenous Amer. Handcrafted Sterling**
Tribal numbers on file
- 4000 – **14 KT Gold**
Imported & Domestic
- 5000 – **Beads, Shapes, and Cabochons**
Origin US, crafted overseas
- 6000 – **LAF Designs**
Handcrafted in the US