

Rose Gold plating over Sterling Silver



What is it?

In a nutshell, “plating” is shorthand for electroplating. This means that gold, rose gold, or rhodium plated jewellery is covered by a microscopically thin layer of metal using a special process that combines chemistry and electricity. Rose gold plating on a ring will normally wear off much faster than plating on a pendant, because a ring constantly rubs against fingers and objects throughout the day. In the event the plating does wear, re-plating is fast and inexpensive — many jewellers offer it as a service. It’s not uncommon even for people with solid gold or silver jewellery to ask for plating. Rhodium plating on silver, for example, is a very desirable way to add “sparkle” and prevent tarnish of existing silver pieces, and owners of solid gold jewellery often ask for plating in order to change the colour of the piece or improve the finish.