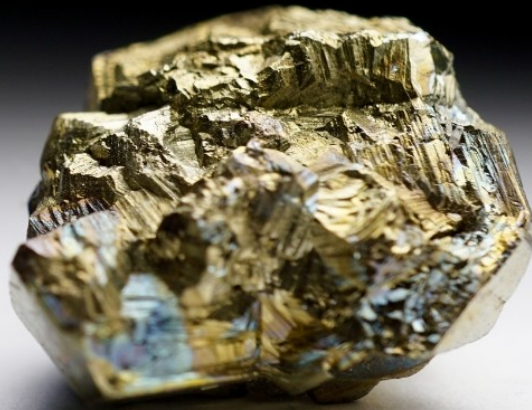


## PYRITE - BENEFITS, ORIGINS AND MEANINGS

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### LA PYRITE

**Signification, origine et  
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With its golden luster and metallic shine, pyrite has fascinated people for centuries with its luxurious, gold-like appearance. This natural stone not only adds a touch of sophistication to your DIY jewelry creations, but is also prized in lithotherapy for its protective and stimulating virtues. Get inspired by our [natural stone jewelry tutorials](#) and integrate our [pyrite beads](#) into your creations to design unique jewelry pieces.



### What does "pyrite" mean?

The name of this gemstone comes from the Greek "pyrites lithos", meaning "stone of sparks". It is also known as "fool's gold". This nickname comes from its deceptive golden luster, which misled many miners, particularly during the Gold Rush in the USA, into believing they had discovered real gold deposits. It was also named "the stone of the Incas", due to its importance in Inca culture.

### Stories about pyrite

Pyrite was already known in prehistoric times. When struck against another stone, such as flint, it produced sparks and was used to light fires. Artifacts found in archaeological sites show that this method was used by many prehistoric cultures around the world.

In ancient Greece, it was used to create jewelry.

Among the Incas, it was used in religious rituals and ceremonies. Because of its golden lustre, it was considered a sacred stone associated with the Sun, whom the Incas worshipped as a god. It was polished into mirrors for use in rituals.

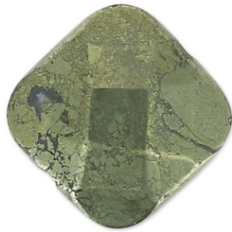
It was also used in the creation of jewelry and ornaments.

Medieval alchemists were fascinated by this fine stone, because of its deceptive resemblance to real gold. Although it contains no gold, alchemists believed it possessed mystical properties that could be harnessed to transmute it into gold.

This gemstone was sometimes used as a source of gold pigment in art and decoration. In particular, illuminated manuscripts and certain medieval paintings used pyrite powders to create golden, metallic effects. This practice was not as common as the use of real gold leaf, but it offered a less expensive alternative.

During the Victorian era, jewelers used it to make jewelry, such as brooches, rings, necklaces and the like, because of its attractive golden shine. This practice was particularly popular as it offered an affordable and aesthetically pleasing alternative.

It wasn't until the mid-nineteenth century that it was given its current name by Austrian mineralogist Wilhelm Karl Ritter von Haidinger.



### What color is pyrite?

It is generally golden or brass-yellow in color, with a brilliant metallic sheen. It is totally opaque.

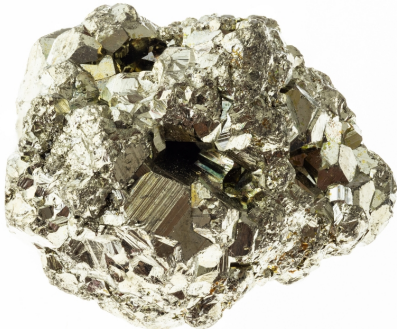
### What are pyrite's properties?

This gemstone has a hardness of between 6 and 6.5 on the Mohs scale and a density of 5 g/cm³.

It is composed of crystals that often take on a dodecahedral shape with pentagonal faces, commonly known as pyritohedrons.

### Where is pyrite found?

The main deposits are in Peru, Italy, Greece, Spain, the United States, Mexico, China and France.



### What are the benefits of pyrite?

In lithotherapy, pyrite is a natural stone renowned for its many benefits. Considered a powerful protective stone, it is reputed to repel negative energies and energy pollution. It is said to help reduce anxiety and stress, promoting a calm and balanced state of mind. It is also believed to boost self-confidence and willpower. It is often used to boost motivation and help overcome emotional blockages.

This gemstone is primarily associated with the solar plexus chakra, where it is reputed to boost self-confidence, vitality and willpower. It is said to help manifest desires and increase personal energy.

It is also connected to the root chakra for its protective properties and energetic grounding. It is said to help stabilize energy, dissipate stress and anxiety and promote a sense of security.

It is the stone of choice for the zodiac signs Aries, Libra and Leo.

*Please note: our gemstones are not sold for lithotherapy. The effects of stones have not been scientifically proven. Natural stones are no substitute for medical expertise or treatment.*

### How to purify and recharge pyrite?

Over time, your stone, like all natural stones, can accumulate negative or undesirable energies. That's why lithotherapists recommend regular purification and recharging to restore its effectiveness.

There are several ways to purify your stone: you can put it under a trickle of water for a few minutes, or pass it through sage, incense or palo santo smoke.

To recharge it, sunlight is just the thing.

### How to wear pyrite

This natural stone goes equally well with gold and silver tones. The choice of metal depends on the style of jewelry you wish to create and the aesthetic effect you are looking for. Whether you opt for gold plating or gold filled (laminated gold) for a classic look, brass for a vintage style or 925 silver and stainless steel for a modern design.

Which stone to associate with pyrite? In lithotherapy, it can be combined with many other stones, such as citrine, rock crystal, hematite, carnelian, amethyst, to reinforce or balance its effects.

On the other hand, it is generally not recommended to associate this fine stone with stones whose energies could conflict with its properties, such as selenite.

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