

Care of Your Juzu

Never rub them. The soft flex they are strung on will begin to shred and eventually break. The jade ones you can get from Japan have the same problem. They are on string, and they will break. I just restrung a set for a member. Also, one may assume, as I used to, that they will polish each other, but they will scratch each other and lose their shine.



Fold them like the image shows, knuckle bead to knuckle bead, for storage and when you are holding them. Never squeeze them in any other position. The cord is flexible, but it can get kinked and wavy, and will hold that shape.

Avoid letting the marbles bang against each other or other surfaces. Even the copper ones are glass (maybe copper-coated glass) and will break. If enough break, they will not hold the marbles anymore. Rewrapping the marbles is the most tedious part of making them. It's worth it because they are so beautiful.

This is how I am with mine. I take them to meetings and use them daily, and they never break. They haven't lost their luster. They haven't gotten kinked. The seed beads are intact. I have had to restrung mine in the past, before they were on soft flex. When I began making them I tried silk, then fishing line, then tiger tail, and now soft flex. For me it holds up. I didn't realize how gentle I was with mine until I saw how some people were breaking theirs. I learned early on to be careful of the seed beads, but didn't realize what a big issue it was for others for some time. The more I make for others, the more I learn about care. Only a few sets I've sold have needed repair out of hundreds... as far as I know.

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