

Useful information concerning the care of iron rings:

- Wedding rings made of iron or steel are not so practical because the ring size can't be easily enlarged. Yet, if the iron is of a strong width, some parts can be cut out and enlarged by about 2 numbers.
- Some people with sensitive skin might have a slight allergic reaction to iron, since iron reacts differently to certain types of skin.
- The iron rings receive their black tarnish by annealing (till a cherry-red color is reached) and then quenched in almond oil, which not only achieves the black color but also prevents corrosion.
- It is a normal process for the black color to grow lighter after the rings have been worn for a while.
- Almond or olive oil distributed carefully with a Q-tip or paper tissue lets the iron darken a bit and if exposed to heat (e.g.: sun, hairdryer, heater) helps prevent corrosion.
- It is also possible to galvanize the rings with an Aluminum -Titanium black coating. Hereby, the surface is hardened and is more likely to stay black. Since one can't totally prevent corrosion in some areas, using the oils from time to time, as explained above ... makes the rings feel good...

“Iron rings are not only esthetically beautiful, I also think, jewelry made of iron is relevant to the art-historical & socio-political European history.”

Kay Eppi Nölke
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