



QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE HAD ABOUT FACETING ...(BUT YOU WERE ASHAMED TO ASK)

• IS FACETING FOR EVERYONE?

No. But if you've thought about reading this, it's probably is for you. If you like working with your hands (you don't have to be great at it, just like it), and you like fine gemstones, faceting is for you.

• IS FACETING FUN?

"Fun" isn't the word for it. Fulfilling is the right word. It feels good. It's therapy for daily stress. If that sounds "medical", it sort of is - many doctors say they facet for just that reason.

• DOES ANYONE HATE FACETING?

Yes. I met a man, back in 1976, who said he hated faceting.

• IS FACETING EASY?

Not easy, but it easy enough. You set your own challenges by the complexity of the design or the type of material. There's no special "talent" needed--but there is learning involved.

• DOES IT TAKE A LONG TIME TO LEARN?

No, and yes. Your first stone will be one you're proud to show. On the other hand, many years later, even if you have become a Master, you will still be learning. Isn't that something nice?

• DO I NEED PERFECT VISION?

No. You will work with magnification. If you are like me, your eyes aren't what they used to be--but my magnifier takes care of that.

• CAN I MAKE MONEY FACETING?

Yes. Many people do--but it won't fall in your lap. You've got to devote some time to the "business" part of it, so it's not all faceting. Most people facet just for the pleasure, but many supplement income or even earn a living by faceting.

• CAN'T I JUST "TRY-IT-OUT" ON SOME CHEAP EQUIPMENT?

If you do you will probably wonder what made you think you'd like it. Cheap is cheap. Did you ever try to use a cheap sewing machine?...carpentry equipment?--You get the idea.

• IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET GEM MATERIAL?

Yes. There are synthetics for pennies, and emeralds that you will never afford. And there are many stops between the extremes. Most people work with varieties of quartz--amethyst, citrine--available, nice, and within budgets.



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• HOW WILL I EVER FIGURE OUT HOW TO SELECT GOOD ROUGH MATERIAL?

You become an instant expert when you are about to exchange your cash for a rock called “rough”. Watch other people buying rough--you will pick up a few tips. Incidentally, do they all look a lot smarter than you? Ask the seller to help – he will.

• HOW WILL I FIGURE OUT WHAT GEM DESIGNS TO DO – AND HOW DO I GO ABOUT DOING THEM?

There are many gem designs posted on the Web, along with their diagrams (the instructions). You will browse through them for a design that appeals to you - one that fits your piece of rough. Then, it is on to the faceting – following the step-by-step instructions that are included. (After a while, you may do some designing yourself).

• WHAT EQUIPMENT SHOULD I BUY?

The Ultra Tec. It's the best. Ask around. Just the improved yield from your material will pay for the machine. Treat yourself right--you deserve it.

There's another very practical reason for choosing an Ultra Tec: we'll be around for the future. In 2015, Ultra Tec will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Other companies have come and gone - changed managements— appearing and disappearing. Ultra Tec, a family business with more than one generation involved - devoted to excellence in gem faceting - keeps sailing along. Ultra Tec's plans already extend far into the future. We'll be here for you!

• SHOULD I JUST GO AHEAD AND BUY AN ULTRA TEC FACETING MACHINE?

Yes.

