

# Jeweler-Gemcutter

**Rules:** DMG 30.

Jeweler-gemcutters can only work with gems and jewelry items found while adventuring. They cannot work with such items purchased in settlements or from traders.<sup>Ex1)</sup>

**Note the important message on DMG 30!:** "Important: Players should never know the skill levels of jeweler-gemcutters!"

## Costs

A hireling costs 100 gp/month to employ as a base cost.<sup>2)</sup> Jeweler-gemcutters who are not being employed on a monthly basis as a hireling but instead are being hired in a settlement in their own shop for example should simply have this base fee applied for the duration of the service. For example, if a month has 28 days, a hire of 5 days would cost  $100 * (5/28)$ , or about 16 gp.

In addition to the base cost, 10% of the value of the **resultant** gem or jewelry must be paid.<sup>3)</sup>

## Process

Some of the process is covered in the rules on DMG 30, but some things are left vague. To solidify:

### Jeweler

The jeweler function cannot simply improve the value of an existing piece of jewelry. It is for crafting a new jewelry item out of materials, thereby increasing the value of the materials.

### Gemcutter

- A success increases the base value of the gem by 1 step.
- This can only be done once per gem.
- Gems of 5000 gp base value or greater cannot be used.

The time it takes to cut a gem depends on the **target** value of the gem (its base value if the cut succeeds):

| Target Base Value | Time      |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 10 gp or less     | 0.25 days |
| 50 gp             | 0.5 days  |
| 100 gp            | 1 day     |
| 500 gp            | 2 days    |
| 1000 gp           | 4 days    |

| Target Base Value | Time   |
|-------------------|--------|
| 5000 gp           | 7 days |

<sup>1)</sup> This rule keeps things simple and avoids PCs attempting to bulk purchase gems everywhere they go to feed them to a jeweler-gemcutter they have learned to be high skill.

<sup>2)</sup> DMG 29.

<sup>3)</sup> DMG 29. See asterisk and footnote after the jeweler-gemcutter cost.

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