

jadeware and small pendants are often heaps of jade materials, which look like pebbles, but are very costly. Normally they cost hundreds of thousands of yuan, especially those with artful colors, which are popularly known as "sugar crusts."



*Mother and Child of the Great Desert*, a micro carving of Hotan jade.

brown patches were formed on the jadestones as a result of erosion and oxygenation of the copper and iron contained in the minerals. Because of their rarity they are very precious.

A piece of perfect jade carving should, first of all, be of good quality and be used to good purpose and exquisitely carved. Jade carving is a process of seeking perfection. The handicraft is suited for tempering one's character. In China, jade is often given the moral values of Confucian culture, which emphasizes "the doctrine of the mean" and harmony. The smoothness of jade fits it nicely.