

## Fake Rudraksha Beads



Fake beads carved out of Lotus Seeds Purchased in 1999, Haridwar India

In the interest of consumer protection and public education Rudra Center presents these pictures of Counterfeit One mukhi round Rudraksha beads that have been purchased in the past and kept. These beads are sold in large quantities in India and outside by unscrupulous people taking advantage of the craze of the customers to procure them. The typical price at which they are sold ranges from \$100 to \$50,000. Rudra Centre does not trade in round mukhis as they are not available at all. Even if you buy them for several 1000 dollars or from any ashrams or any reliable person, it would not be genuine as it has never been produced by any Tree in Nepal or Indonesia. It advises the people to not go in search for this Rudraksha, just because it is rare. Half moon 1 mukhi is genuine and available easily. However, it is sold at low price from Rudra Centre although there are people who sell this same bead at a price as much as \$1100. Rudra Centre offers a free Authentication Service where there may be reasonable doubt regarding authenticity for any Rudraksha Beads purchased anywhere in the world. For this service the client pays shipping both ways to Rudra Centre. Another method of Authentication can take place by scanning Beads at high resolution and sending scanned pictures to Rudra Centre, India by email at [rudracentreindia@yahoo.com](mailto:rudracentreindia@yahoo.com).



Most commonly sold variety. This is actually a 3 faced Oval bead of Indian origin and not Nepalese. Other lines are skillfully obliterated leaving only one line. Purchased from Haridwar for Rs 1100- Rs 3000. Can be identified by sight.



This is a seed with a skillfully carved line sold as a Rudraksha species bead. Can be detected by sight due to the presence of smooth scales on the bead which is unlike the thorny protrusions on rudraksha beads. Usually sold capped in gold or silver to avoid seeing the drilled hole of the seed. Studies are going on to determine the species of this bead. Purchased from a reputed ashram for Rs 11,500.

Another very commonly sold variety . This is a giant ball like piece usually given a strong odour. Small pieces of Rudraksha are glued on a seed and a line is carved externally . Can be detected by placing in warm water overnight and all the other lines will show up . Pieces chip off on regular wearing . Purchased from Indonesia for Indonesian Rupiah 1,000,000.



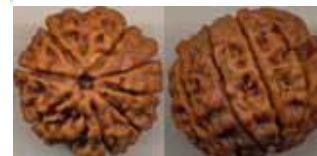
This is a synthetically manufactured bead sold as 1 mukhi in religious parts of India by roadside hawkers. Pictures show top view and side view . Purchased for Rs 10 after bargaining . Can be detected by sight only.

### Identification of Rudraksha



7 mukhi changed to 8 mukhi by carving 1 line.

Rudraksha are available from 2 mukhi till 27 mukhis. The five faced Rudraksha are found easily and abundantly. One faced Rudraksha round variety has never been found till date and is thus a myth. A variety of Rudraksha called 1 mukhi half moon is thus sold in its place which is genuine and belong to a family tree of rudraksha. This bead is found easily and price is also not high. However there are suppliers who sell this half moon variety also at exorbitant prices taking advantage of the rarity of round 1 mukhi rudraksha. Round 1 mukhi rudraksha however is the most highly sold bead and is faked in many forms by unscrupulous suppliers. Many of these beads are made from berries and betel nuts and Areca nuts. Some have a stem implanted in them artificially to give a real look. Also some suppliers sell fake 1 mukhis which have Serpent, Trishul, Lingam etc carved on them. A real Rudraksha does not have these markings. [More](#)



6 mukhi changed to 8 mukhi by carving 3 extra lines



Low quality rudraksha

Other fake mukhi Rudraksha & Rudraksha malas



Fake mala of 108 + 1, 2 mukhi beads. Purchased in 1999, Indonesia. Now widely sold all over India.



Seeds of Ber tree which are coloured and sold as rudraksha beads mala . Can be detected by sight as no mukhis are visible.



Fake mala of 108 + 1 mukhiless beads. Purchased in 1988, Nepal.



Fake beads carved out of betel nut. Method commonly used to make high mukhi beads upto 21 mukhi. Purchased in 1998, Varanasi, India.

	<p><b>Item Name: Fake Trijudi Rudraksha</b></p> <p>This is considered to be a very high quality fake trijudi Rudraksha. The skills used in this bead cannot be detected easily by traders too. Basically a trijudi Rudraksha would have 3 natural walls &amp; usually the common fakes in the market are made by gluing 3 beads together, so to further dupe Nepalese traders have come up with something new where they tamper one of the beads of a Gaurishanker make in hole in of the beads to fix in agarbh gauri Rudraksha. As a result one of the bead of garbh gauri Rudraksha which is small in size is fixed into the hollow bead of Gaurishanker Rudraksha making it look together like a trijudi Rudraksha with natural walls.</p>

## **Beware of Fakes.**

### **Item name: Fake Gauri Shankar**

**Description:** This is a fake Gauri Shankar Rudraksha made by skillfully gluing 2 five Mukhi Rudrakshas. It is purchased by one of our clients from a Rudraksha vendor in Nepal.

Please note: This type of a bead should not cost more than Rs.50 whereas our client paid Rs 1500/- for the same. At the time of purchase clients feel very satisfied paying less money but they do not realize that they have wasted their entire money.

### **Item name: Fake Trijudi**

**Description:** These are 3 five Mukhi Rudrakshas skillfully cut, carved and glued together to look like a Trijudi Rudraksha. It is purchased from a roadside vendor outside Trimbakeshwar shrine, India for Rs 100 by our awareness team which was initially offered for Rs 7000 & bargained to Rs 100.

### **Item name: Fake 14 Mukhi**

**Description:** This is a fake 14 Mukhi Rudraksha bead which is made out of gluing pieces of original Rudrakshas bead. Usually the mukhi areas of cheaper Rudraksha beads are cut & further glued to make a fake of an expensive Rudraksha. This was purchased in Rishikesh by one of our clients.

### **Item name: Fake 9 Mukhi**

**Description:** This is an original 6 Mukhi Nepalese Rudraksha converted into a 9 Mukhi Rudraksha by skillful carving of 3 additional mukhis (facets) over it. It is purchased from a well renowned shop in Katmandu, Nepal. These types of beads are easily available at half the price of original beads in a number of shops in Haridwar & Rishikesh.

### **Item name: Fake 1 Mukhi**

**Description:** This bead is not a Rudraksha at all but looks very similar to a Rudraksha bead. The seller of these kinds of pieces generally claims that there is a Mukhi (facet) behind the pulp. It is commonly sold as a 1 Mukhi Rudraksha in different parts of India and Nepal & across the world.

### **Item name: Fake almond shaped 1 Mukhi with trishul, Om & snake.**

**Description:** This is an extremely low priced original 2 Mukhi Rudraksha from south India. One of the mukhis of this Rudraksha is smoothened & further carved into a Trishul, Om and snake over it and sold as a 1 Mukhi Rudraksha bead. This is a very skilful carving done by tribals in various parts of India like Rishikesh & Haridwar. At time one would also find such beads with stems attached to it to create an impression of just being plucked from the trees & offered for sale. Kindly do not get carried away!!!!

### **Item name: Fake 1 mukhi Rudraksha**

This is a genuine 5 mukhi Rudraksha. The 4 facets of this Rudraksha are skillfully closed or hidden with the help of grated Rudraksha powder further leaving only 1 mukhi open. This is largely sold as 1 mukhi Rudraksha & its one of the common methods of creating fake 1 mukhis though there is a huge variation in the quality of work. This is further possible & commonly practiced on 2 mukhi, 3 mukhi, 4 mukhi & 6 mukhi Rudraksha from Nepal & Indonesia.

### **Item name: Fake 1 mukhi Rudraksha**

This is a piece of wood with thorny protrusions & resembles the body structure of Rudraksha. Due to its structural similarities 1 mukhi has been carved on it & further sold as ek mukhi Rudraksha.

### **Item Name: Fake 1 mukhi half moon shaped.**

It is believed after the growing popularity of 1 mukhi Rudraksha on television channels the price of the natural original 1 mukhi half moon shaped shot up & hence further became difficult to be sold due to high overheads & fixed pricing. To curb this problem few people get this bead manufactured from china with the help of similar looking materials & dyes. The outcome is so beautiful that even a old trader could get cheated by this synthetic fake. Since it being synthetic it is not subject to wear n tear & its life is much longer than an original Rudraksha.

**Item Name: Traditional fake 1 mukhi half moon shaped.**

Originally before synthetic Rudrakshas this was the traditional fake 1 mukhi half moon shaped Rudraksha.

**Fake Rudraksha fruit:** apart from cheating in Rudraksha beads people have started cheating in Rudraksha fruit as well. This was purchased by our awareness team from Trimbekeshwar & on cutting the same we got to know that it was a wax ball which was further covered by original Rudraksha pulp.