# Jewelry Set Design Based on the Adaptation of the Keris Shape

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# ABSTRACT

Jewelry is a form of cultural and artistic wealth. Apart from that, jewelery products have also spread to the global market in various major countries, this is evident from data on jewelery exports in Indonesia which have increased by up to 24.21% even in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. In modern life, of course, there are many women who want to beautify themselves with jewelery because the main users of this jewelery are women, but the jewelery that we often see has simple geometric shapes, therefore a strategy is needed to implement cultural values into everyday product. One form of culture that we have is the keris. Keris is a kind of dagger that functions as a weapon or spiritual object. In addition, the keris is also popular as a collection item that has high value from an aesthetic point of view because it has interesting artistic elements. The artistic elements contained in the keris can also be implemented into products that we use every day, namely jewelry. This writing aims to design jewelry by taking several parts of the keris which will be adapted into jewelry forms in order to provide innovation in the form of jewelry that has a novelty value without losing the characteristics of the keris.

### Keywords: Jewelry, Keris, Art

### Introduction

Indonesia has a huge cultural diversity. According to Nurhidayat (2017), Indonesian society is a multicultural society with many tribes. One form of culture that we have in the form of weapons is the keris. UNESCO stipulates that the keris is a type of asymmetrical dagger typical of Indonesia that functions as a weapon or spiritual object. Keris is one of the types of traditional weapons that has developed in Indonesia. This is evident from the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment which states that among the many traditional Indonesian weapons, the keris is the most famous or widely known weapon both in terms of philosophy, naming, form, forging, dissemination and even artistic elements. Reporting from culture.pdkjateng.go, the keris was declared a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2005. This statement is evidenced by UNESCO which says that the keris is a type of dagger that originated in Indonesia. The keris is used in two different ways, as a weapon and as a spiritual object, but the kris is believed to have magical powers. The Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment explained that according to the Javanese people, the keris is known as Tosan Aji or Wesi Aji, which means 'objects of value or glory'. UNESCO also states that the keris has three aesthetic values: Dhapur (there are 40 variations of shapes and blades), Pamor (metal ornamental patterns on the blades reach 120 variations), and Tangguh (related to age and origin). Keris is one of the cultural products. The Ministry of Education and Culture said that the keris contains many noble cultural values of craftsmen and is symbolized by the parts of the keris. Keris are also popular as collectibles that are judged from an aesthetic point of view [1]–[4].

Even though the keris is a traditional weapon, the keris certainly has very interesting artistic elements. The beautiful forms contained in the keris can also be implemented into other forms, namely jewelry. In Indonesia, jewelry sales continue to increase, this is proven based on data from the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Bratislava, Slovak Republic that during 2020, even in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, Indonesia's jewelry exports actually showed an increase of up to 24.21%. Jewelry manufacturers in Indonesia have applied industry 4.0 technology to improve productivity and product quality, Indonesian jewelry products have targeted the global market in various major countries. In modern life, of course, there are a lot of women who want to beautify themselves by wearing jewelry. [5]–[8] jewelry is an item that supports a person's appearance and social status in society, as well as coloring a lifestyle. [9]–[11] also states that one of the forms of our cultural and artistic wealth is jewelry used to be made of only one metal, but thanks to new jewelry. Reporting from *weddingphotographyselect.co.uk* jewelry that we often see has a very simple shape. Almarshus (2019) also stated that many jewelry designs feature simple geometric shapes, this is reinforced by Monika (2020) who stated that currently, Indonesian people feel more comfortable and confident when wearing jewelry that does not reflect Indonesian culture. So it is not surprising that the characteristics of jewelry with ancient Indonesian culture are increasingly unpopular and almost extinct.

Therefore, a strategy is needed to integrate cultural values into products used in daily life, as well as increase people's interest in buying local products that are not inferior to foreign products. According to Sadika (2017), product design development is a design activity that produces innovation and is implemented based on changes that are limited to certain specifications. Of course, with the adaptation of the keris into the form of jewelry, we will provide an innovation from the forms of jewelry that already exist in Indonesia and will also not forget one of the cultural riches of our archipelago, namely the keris [12]–[15].

Based on the phenomenon that has been explained, it can be explained that the keris is a traditional weapon that has interesting philosophical and aesthetic values. The keris is also the most famous traditional weapon and is a venerable object. In addition to being a traditional weapon, the keris also has a use as a complementary tool for traditional ceremonies, determinants of social status, and collectibles. In addition to the keris that are known to have very interesting visual elements and aesthetic elements, the keris must also be produced with beautiful intentions [16]–[20].

This design will focus on processing the shape of the keris by implementing it into other forms, namely jewelry products that have the value of novelty or innovation. This jewelry set will be designed without eliminating the characteristics of the keris, in order to introduce elements of the art of keris by utilizing jewelry as a medium so that our love for the keris which is one of the most valuable cultures of the archipelago continues [21]–[24].

# **Research Methods**

In this design, the event used is the form of jewelry circulating in Indonesia has a simple shape and is mostly inspired by western culture. Therefore, this study uses a qualitative method to design jewelry products that combine traditional and modern concepts by adapting keris ornaments so that the designed jewelry has a novelty value. The data collection procedure is in the form of observation data and questionnaires to obtain the necessary information and characteristics. Based on the statement of Kusumastuti and Khoiron (2019:12) that qualitative research uses inductive data processing techniques. This inductive analysis is used for several reasons. First, the inductive process is more able to find many facts in the data. Second, inductive data analysis can make the researcher-respondent relationship identifiable and explainable. Third, such an analysis can describe the configuration more completely. Fourth, inductive analysis can find general influences that strengthen relationships. Fifth, such an analysis can explicitly consider value as part of an analytical structure [25]–[28].

In this design, there are considerations that must be met so that the product is in accordance with user needs, including; Jewelry designs that are suitable for users who will wear them for formal and informal activities, and use two colors or two tones with white gold and rose gold colors. The data collection used in this design process is a literature study, a form study, and an observation study. The approach used in the design this time is the theory of visual, material, and function. The data analysis used in the design this time is SCAMPER. Among the list of questions contained in the SCAMPER method, three questions were obtained that will be used for this design, including Adapt; focusing on adapting the shape of the keris into the form of jewelry. Modify/Magnify; The shape that has been obtained from the data will then be modified by stylization [29]–[31].

#### **Results and Discussion**



Figure 1. Mindmap

Moodboard



Figure 2. Moodboard Source: Author Data

**Stylization Data** 





Source: Author Data

Alternative Sketching



Figure 3. Alternative Sketching Source: Author Data

**Final Sketch** 



Figure 4. Final Sketch Source: Author Data





Figure 5. Necklace Visualization Source: Author Data



**Figure 7. Ring Visualization** Source: Author Data



**Figure 6. Necklace Visualization** Source: Author Data



Figure 8. Ring Visualization Source: Author Data



Figure 8. Wristband Visualization Source: Author Data



**Figure 10. Earrings Visualization** Source: Author Data



Figure 9. Wristband Visualization Source: Author Data



Figure 11. Earrings Visualization Source: Author Data



Figure 12. Visualization of a set of jewelry Source: Author Data



# Figure 13. Necklace Engineering Drawings Source: Author Data



Figure 14. Ring Engineering Drawing Source: Author Data



# Figure 15. Bracelet Technique Drawing Source: Author Data



Figure 16. Earrings Visualization Source: Author Data

Production



Figure 17. Pre-Finishing Jewelry Production Source: Author Data

**Product Finishing** 



Figure 18. Jewelry Production After Finishing Source: Author Data



**Figure 19. Final Product** Source: Author Data

# **Operational Products**



Figure 20. Operational Product Photos Source: Author Data

Figure 21. Operational Product Photos Source: Author Data

### Approach Theory Visual

In the design process, stylization is carried out from the forms that have been obtained from the data, namely; Table 2. Selected Stylization Forms

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No.	Original Image	Stylized Images	3D Modeling					
1.	End Languages	CEC	COC					
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# Source: Author Data

### Material

The material used in this design is brass because it will make the price of the designed jewelry more affordable. Then the copper material is plated with white gold and rose gold colors according to user needs.

### Function

This design focuses on maximizing the function of jewelry, including;

- 1. A necklace is a piece of jewelry worn around the neck
- 2. A bracelet is a piece of jewelry worn on the wrist area
- 3. A ring is a piece of jewelry worn on the finger of the hand
- 4. Earrings are jewelry worn around the earlobe

### Validation Results

After the jewelry set is completed, then a validation process will be carried out by piloting the product. From the validation process that has been carried out, the following results have been obtained, including;

No.	Name	Opinion	Is it appropriate	Excess	Deficiency
1.	Nadya	Good, the design is	Appropriate	Comfortable to	Less prominent
	Salsabila	simple and looks		wear and does not	colors
		luxurious		make itching	
2.	Farah Agnia	Elegant design and fit	It is appropriate	Comfortable to use,	Lack of small gems
		fit		the shape is just	makes much better
				right, elegant, and	
				supports the	
				appearance	
3.	Clarissa	The design is good	To my liking	Simple. But it will	The color is less shiny
				look beautiful when	
				worn with a dress	
4.	Resti Yuliani	Interesting and	Appropriate	Interesting, it can	Risk of falling easily
		displays the old		support the	because it does not fit
		impression		appearance because	the size of the finger
				the style is unique	
				and comfortable to	
				wear	
5.	Ika Syaila	It is varied and good	Suitable	The material is	Not adjustable
		to see	especially for the	okay, the color is	
			earrings	minimalist	

**Table 3. Selected Stylization Forms** 

Source: Author Data

# Conclusion

Based on the results of the design that has been carried out, it can be concluded that the design of the product, which is in the form of a jewelry set, has been successfully produced with copper material and uses *white gold* and *rose gold* plating. Product design succeeds by maximizing the use of visual, material, and functional theories.

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