

Why the need for Anime Keychains

What Is A Anime Keychain?

Anime keychains are like normal keychains that are out in the world. However they are unique in the fact that they are designed from animes and are hard to find, unlike our colorful Colorado keychains. Anime keychains are a great way to express the shows that you watch and hold close to your heart. It can also help bring people together who either like the same show(s) or other similar shows. Anime keychains are there for people who like to express their anime love, in a small conservative cute way. Anime keychains are especially good as collectables, sometimes they make rare/limited edition ones and the joy of collecting them can be great. Sure there are other ways of collecting memorabilia of your favorite anime show(s) like scroll posters, figurines, wallets, t-shirts, journals, plushies, pins, mugs, shoes, jackets, backpacks, socks, and socks ect. Personally I'd buy an anime keychain instead something like a scroll poster because I could take it everywhere I go. You can bring a poster to the beach but a set of keys is highly expected why not flash your keychain up with a nice anime keychain to stunt on every "otaku". Another reason to choose a keychain is young adults today for the most part that want a piece of a show they like but they don't want to spend 30 or 40 dollars on it. Keychains is one of the cheapest type of memorabilia out there for anime fans, that they can wear out whenever they really want. The where to buy these keychains can be hard though. They can be found on some online websites like amazon, wish or even eBay; however, the best way that I have found to find the one, and the ones that have a wonderful memory attached to them, is going to a convention. The prices of the keychains can sometimes range from five dollars to eighteen dollars. When you buy online you can never truly know what you are getting. They have pictures and some reviews but you can't see the actual quality, and those reviews might have been generated. When you go to a convention you can see the keychain, touch it and actually determine if the quality is worth your money. A good keychain is all about finding good quality for cheap sure you can get a plastic one for 2 dollars but how long until it breaks? Or you could find a really expensive one for 100 dollars made of gold and silver. But why not settle for the ten dollar one that's made of alloy and resistant to water and is guaranteed to not break. You could ever get a transparent acrylic keychain that is thicker than most regular plastic keychain. There are also some that are made out of Polyvinyl chloride or PVC. Which are very flexible, so if you stuff your keyring in your bag and you have some heavy books in there, you don't have to worry about the keychain cracking or breaking. What also makes an anime keychain's quality great is if the character(s) are well depicted and easily recognisable by the customer.



This little phone charm is from Hanna Nguyen, from [wingsxdontxfail.deviantart.com](https://www.deviantart.com/wingsxdontxfail). This is made out of acrylic and the price was ten dollars at convention.

What to get and what not to get

What to get and what not to get always depends on the consumer, but here are some types that might help you decide along the way. First off you have to look where you are buying it from. If you are buying off the internet you must be careful of those sellers who are cheapskates. I personally would use either Amazon or Wish, because they have a little info box with certain sellers that say they are verified for their quality. It also helps to look at their reviews. If I couldn't get to a convention to buy then these websites would be where I'd go. Another place you can order if you are online is if you have a vendor's business card from a convention. They have already been verified by you so you already know what you're going to get. Some of these vendors are not selling official merchandise, but their own personally created merchandise designs. These vendors I find will have better quality sometimes and originality where you can't get anywhere else. While at these online websites you can get a wide arrangement of keychains from a wide arrangement of shows and materials. You can also buy from Hot Topic, which I do not recommend. In Hot Topic, whether it be online or in store you have a very limited amount of what you can actually buy.



Keychains from Anime Stuff Store. The two an the bottom left and right are no longer produced. These keychains are made out of acrylic and prices ranges from ten dollars to eighteen.

Now onto the what kind of keychain you should get. If you are looking for a keychain charm for you everyday keyring I would recommend one that is either stainless steel or alloy. The reason being your get get tossed around everywhere you go. The hit things, they get stepped on, they get thrown, and they get crushed by all sorts of objects. Being of solid metal they are less likely to break. The sturdier they are the longer they will last, and the longer you can enjoy them. Now if you are just looking to have some little decoration piece put on your bag or backpack, I would recommend the acrylic and the PVC. most of the charms that are done with these two materials are far cuter than the metal ones. So if you are aiming for cute this is the way to go. Plus they are usually small, it's difficult to find an acrylic keychain charm that is taller than two inches and wider than an inch. Since they are so small they don't get much abuse when they are attached to the zipper on your bags. If they get snagged on anything the charm itself won't brake. A lot of the time's this doesn't happen, but if it does get caught then you may look at the chain attached to the charm, it may have opened a tig but that is an easy fix. If you are looking for a charm for your phone then the acrylic is the way to go. The acrylics are more common when it comes to small phone charms. However if you do find a small metal charm that will fit with your phone go for it. The only problem with phone charms is the chord that connect them to the phone. So I would stick with the keychains where they have a metal chain that last longer and can handle more.



Keychain is from Nan Desu Kan vender Eastern Downpour. The price on this keychain was ten dollars at the convention. Prices may change depending on if it is bought in person or online. This charm is also a acrylic.

Recommendation Destination

Wish was used as a reference to help determine price ranged for the first section. Along with the confirming what types of materials are used for good quality anime keychains. Wish was also used to verify if the variety of anime shows that were being represented in keychain form was more than just three anime shows. This was a main factor in finding a good scours because if the assortment isn't wide enough then it's not going to cater to every anime fan out there who want an anime keychain. This website is highly recommended for its variety, great prices, and great shipping rates. Full citation: "Wish | anime keychains." *Wish - Shopping Made Fun*, www.wish.com/search/anime%20keychains. Accessed 11 Sept. 2017.

Hot Topic was used as an example of a bad source to find a wide arrangement of anime keychains. Also the Hot Topic website was used in the determination of price ranges for anime keychains. Hot Topic as a whole is not recommended as a primary source to find the anime keychain market. For it's lack of variety in choices for anime keychains. Full citation: "Hot Topic." *Sites-Hottopic-Site*, www.hottopic.com/search?q=anime%2Bkeychains. Accessed 11 Sept. 2017.

Amazon was also in the price range factor. As well confirming the types of material used in the making of some quality anime keychains Amazon, like Wish, was used to verify the variety of how many anime shows being represented in keychain form was more than just three

anime shows. This is, like mentioned before, a main factor in finding a good source that caters to the big world of anime fans. This source is highly recommended as a primary source for anime keychains. Not only because the prices are good, the deals on some of the charms are great and the price for shipping isn't so high that it will make you second guess yourself from making a purchase. Full citation: *Amazon.com: anime Keychain*, www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_c_1_9?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=anime%2Bkeychain&srefix=anime%2Bkey%2Caps%2C213&crd=2MUPS1CK8JNZM. Accessed 11 Sept. 2017.

Eastern Downpour was used as a reference for price range and material. One of their pieces was used as photographic evidence of uniqueness and quality. Eastern Downpour I recommend as one primary source for a anime keychain because of how unique her artwork is compared to others, and her prices are very reasonable. Full citation: "Eastern Downpour." Nan Desu Kan, Denver, 1 Sept. 2017.

Hannah Nguyen was another reference for price ranges and material use. One of their products is featured after the first paragraph as evidence of quality, and unique cuteness. I highly recommend this seller because of the uniqueness, their well priced products and reasonable shipping. Full citation: "Wingsxdontxfail's DeviantArt gallery." *DeviantArt*, wingsxdontxfail.deviantart.com/gallery/. Accessed 11 Sept. 2017. Nan Desu Kan vender.

Anime Stuff Store I have found throughout the years of seeing them at conventions that they are reliable for having the merchandise that other official vendors or dealers at cons don't have. Their price ranges were used as a reference to help support my statement in the first two paragraphs. Three of their more unique keychains are shown in section two. Two of the keychains are no longer being sold and the tear drop keychain is one of their rarer keychain. Therefore it was priced slightly higher than others just like it. I highly recommend this seller whether in con or on website. Their prices are very reasonable, the quality of the key chains are great. They have the widest arrangement of keychains I have seen one seller have in person and online. They are my personal main source of where to get some great anime keychains. Full Citation: "Key Chains." *AnimeStuffStore.com*, www.animestuffstore.com/8/. Accessed 11 Sept. 2017.