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DIAMOND UPDATE



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Did You Know?

Last month, a large 232.08 carat rough white diamond was unearthed at the Cullinan Mine in South Africa. The uncut stone is expected to be sold before December and could potentially fetch up to \$16m. This is the same South African mine famous for being the site of the largest diamond ever recovered, the 3,106-carat Cullinan diamond found in 1905, which was cut into stones that are now part of Britain's crown jewels.

**October Birthstones
 Opal and Tourmaline**

Since ancient times, these two vividly colored gems have been thought to bestow balance and harmony to those born in October. Fiery opal flashes with dozens of brilliant, iridescent colors. And transparent tourmaline is famous for its remarkable range of brilliant sparkling hues.

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A relatively new entry into the world of diamonds, laser-sliced diamonds in various shapes and sizes are ideal for dramatic custom designed jewelry such as pendants, rings, station necklaces, and drop earrings. The pattern of the various inclusions gives each slice its intriguing character. And you'll be seeing a lot of them this season.



BIRTHSTONES OF THE MONTH:

Opal



Tourmaline



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