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Did You Know?

This season's hottest trend in necklaces is the elegant, minimalist, bar pendant. Styles are available in karat gold or sterling silver and can be plain, embellished with diamonds, or personalized with engraved initials. This completely wearable style can easily stand alone, but it also plays well with others, creating a vogue statement when paired with shorter and longer chain strands.

Today's delicate bar necklace can be worn with any outfit, for any occasion.

APRIL BIRTHSTONE Diamond

This pure white gem is synonymous with love and innocence. Since ancient times, diamonds symbolized invincibility for those born in April because of their hardness and durability.

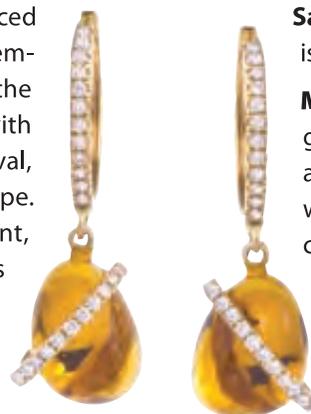
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Candy Colored Cabochons Come In Many Tasty Tints

A cabochon (pronounced CAB-oh-shon) is a gemstone that is cut in the form of a smooth dome with a flat bottom in a round, oval, rectangle, or teardrop shape. Many opaque, translucent, and some transparent gems just love to be fashioned in this sleek, uncut cabochon form because it's often the best way to display their special beauty as well as their delightful candy colors.

Rich Chocolate. Brown **Tourmaline** comes in many sumptuous cocoa shades including deep, dark and milk chocolate and is beautiful in all kinds of jewelry. Chocolate brown **Zircon** and **Topaz** are two other delicious chocolate gems with great clarity and color depth.

Luscious Lemon. Lemon drops of smooth, silky lemon **Quartz** are popular gems for cabochon-cut rings, pendants, necklaces, and earrings. Lemon colored



Sapphire is another favorite that is both brilliant and durable.

Mellow Mint. Cool, mint green **Jade** and **Malakite** add a refreshing look to jewelry set with these popular cabochon-cut gems. Both are beautifully opaque with a bright, glowing finish and are very affordable.

Sweet Pink Bonbon. Deliciously classic pink gems such as **Spinel**, **Garnet**, and **Kunzite** have a noticeably sweet glow when finished in cabochon style and mounted in karat gold or sterling silver jewelry.

Smooth White Marshmallow. Beautifully translucent white **Moonstone** and white **Opal** are two elegant candy colored gems that always look their glowing best when fashioned in the smooth, rounded cabochon style.

Candy colored cabochons will brighten up any spring wardrobe.

BIRTHSTONE OF THE MONTH:

Diamond



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