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Did You Know?

The top jewelry trends seen at the MTV Video Music Awards were mix-and-match earrings which included lots of ear climbers and black diamonds. Taylor Swift wore mismatched black diamond earrings (a climber and a stud). Some artists were seen sporting simple black diamond studs while others were wearing several different pairs of diamond ear climbers.

OCTOBER BIRTHSTONES

Opal. In the Middle Ages, opal was considered a stone that could provide great luck because it was believed to possess all the virtues of each gemstone whose color was represented in the color spectrum of the opal. **Tourmaline.** While transparently clear, it comes in a rainbow of colors...more than almost any other gem.

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What's New In Neck Adornment

Although ultra-long necklaces of multi-strand gold chains are still popular, there's a growing trend toward more decorative necklace designs this season. These include the bib, lariat, "Y" and choker.

Bib Necklaces. With their light, airy look of lace and mesh, bib necklaces have a lot of volume without looking heavy. They have a sensuous, fabric-like feel and are composed of delicate festoons of three or more strands of gold or sterling mesh. They can also display cascades of pearls, faceted colored gemstones, or nets of sparkling diamonds.

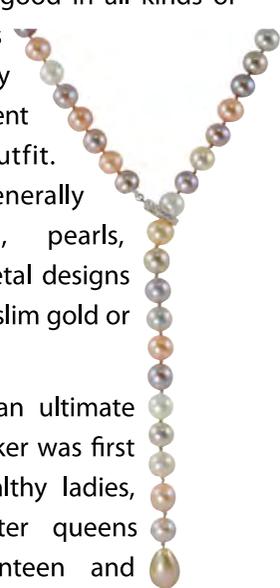
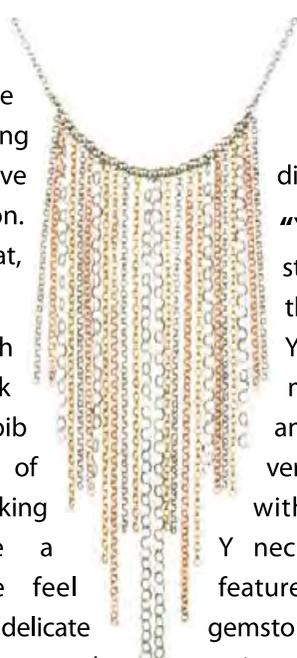
Lariat Necklaces. These open-ended, long strand designs have decorative ends and are looped or knotted, not clasped. They spotlight individuality and allow wearers to determine the length. Lariats can

be made of white or yellow gold chain, sterling silver or leather, and are frequently brightened with pearls, diamonds or colored gemstones.

"Y" Necklaces. This classic style is shaped to drape around the neck like a capital letter Y. It looks good in all kinds of materials and is a very versatile accent with any outfit.

Y necklaces generally feature beads, pearls, gemstones or metal designs stationed along a slim gold or sterling silver chain.

Chokers. Making an ultimate comeback, the choker was first seen worn by wealthy ladies, ballerinas, and later queens in the late seventeen and eighteen hundreds. Close fitting around the neck, common styles today include open collar, Victorian, vintage, gemstone, pearl and Gothic.



BIRTHSTONES OF THE MONTH: Opal  Tourmaline 

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