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Brooches Are Back



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Did You Know?

Some believe gemstones hold the power to protect and ward off evil, heal, support and anchor a soul. It is thought amethyst has strong healing powers, bloodstone offers strength and courage, citrine will attract wealth and prosperity, emeralds help to manifest one's dreams, moonstone will attract love, smoky quartz will aid in emotional healing, and tourmaline aligns, energizes, and balances the chakras.

October Opal and Tourmaline both represent the power of hope for the October born. Precious opal displays a dazzling array of vivid colors against a white or black background. Sparkling tourmaline is available in a wider variety of colors than almost any other gem.

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With a recent focus on Queen Elizabeth and her granddaughter-in-laws' couture, the everyday brooch has made a resurgence in popularity. If you haven't inherited a collection, it's time to start building your own and jump in on the new trend. Find one that fits your style and start pinning.

Pins are something anybody can wear.

instant glamour. Filigree designs alone or encrusted with tiny pearls will provide a vintage, heirloom look. Flowers and vines are popular for decorative hair and hat ornaments or pinned to a classic clutch bag.

Many brooches and pins are pairing together to wear one on the shoulder of a sweater and the other as an accent on the knot of a scarf. Other pairings are seen



They don't require sizing like rings or bracelets and because they are not worn directly on the skin, they offer more leeway in choosing colors and metals to flatter the wearer.

Today's exciting new pin designs add a festive, feminine touch to any wardrobe. The large, colorful, jewel-encrusted brooch of the 70's is making a comeback and when added to a simple, black blazer, provides

pinned to the points of collars, accenting the crisp, button-down look or attached to the tops of shoes to dress up a classic pump or flat. A simple circle brooch pairs well with just about anything from the strap of a cocktail dress or hung gracefully from a neck chain or strand of pearls.

Pins offer dozens of ways to make a personal statement while adding a fashion accent to clothing, hair and accessories.

BIRTHSTONE OF THE MONTH: Opal  Tourmaline 



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