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TRENDS TO WATCH

Something Old, Something New



Neither borrowed, nor always blue, popular jewelry designs today are a throwback to yesteryear. To be called antique, a jewelry design must be older than 100 years. To be considered vintage, the piece should be at least 20 years old but less than 100 years in age.

In the Victorian era, antique, nature-inspired designs were widespread. Today, a return to naturalism is evident with three-dimensional designs crafted with animals, flowers, bows, and ribbons. Diamonds were rare, and due to the war platinum was scarce; therefore, engagement rings were

made of gold with center stones being opals, sapphires, and rubies, often with a "halo" of gems encircling the center stone, a style currently very popular.

Art deco and retro pieces are being reincarnated and adorning women from high society to neighborhood cookouts. Jewelry expressing individuality, such as the beloved charm bracelet are back in popularity. Bolder, chunky statement pieces emphasizing large, colorful gemstones are all the rage. Karat gold is more popular than ever, only this time not because platinum is scarce, but we just simply love gold!



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Did You Know?

Colorful gemstones are ideal to wear on Halloween, so conjure up your inner witch with magical, mystical gems. **Moonstone** radiates a translucent ghostly luster. **Ruby** is blood red in color, like what runs in the vein. **Onyx** is dark as the dead of night. **Citrine** may ward off evil thoughts. And rich purple **amethyst** is a gem no good witch can pass by.

October

Opal/Tourmaline. Over the centuries, these two very different harlequin gems have symbolized the power of hope for those with birthdays in October. Both gems display a dazzling array of brilliant colors. Ancient opal blazes with flashes of rainbow iridescence, while glittering, transparent tourmaline comes in a wider range of colors than virtually any other gem.

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