



# Gem of an Idea

## Sparkle And Shine With Scintillating Gems

(NAPSA)—According to fashion designers, this season, the color white just looks right.

White also happens to be the perfect canvas for the colorful gemstone jewelry and intricate precious metal creations that will become the center of attention.

According to Jewelry Information Center, some key trends in fine jewelry include:

### Necklaces

Biblike necklaces have made their way back into fashion, after taking a backseat to the long layered necklaces that stood center stage for a few seasons.

However, chain-link necklaces that are extra long and allow for wrapping are still going to be chic this spring. Charms and removable pendants are now added to create an updated look that is more personalized.

### Bracelets

Bracelets in every shape and size dominated the red carpet, making them the must-have accessory. Charm bracelets with removable charms and stationed charms will be overloaded with a smorgasbord of trinkets. Cuff bracelets are sure to make a statement. Cuffs with ornate openwork that let the skin peek out from beneath give a feminine feel. Personal miniature-sized bracelets provide a subtle alternative to cuffs.

### Earrings

Oversized earrings, as preferred by celebrities such as Beyoncé Knowles, appeal to the brave at heart.

Hoops are the prime earring of choice—and owning several pairs



**Jewelry, such as hoop earrings, can instantly update your wardrobe. Wear them with charms or with the hoops turned forward.**

is not out of the question. Hoops turned forward are becoming a classic in their own right. Charms even grace hoop earrings. The best earring charms to look for are those that can be removed and added to any pair of hoop earrings.

### Rings

Cocktail rings add bountiful color to fingers. From large single gemstones to clusters of gems, they are no longer reserved for strictly evening events. Thick bands with minimal detail are an alternative to the cocktail ring craze. Stylish options include those that are polished, brushed, engraved or carved with openwork.

Stacking rings with various-sized gemstones, different band widths and a multitude of precious metals that can be worn together looks modern. For more information on fine jewelry and watches, or to find a reputable jeweler, visit [www.jic.org](http://www.jic.org).