

# Giving The Gift Of Fine Jewelry

(NAPSA)—Fine jewelry is the ultimate gift to give and to get during the holidays. With its sentimental and heirloom qualities, fine jewelry provides a way for people to feel good in the spirit of the season and the spirit of the nation.

According to Helena Krodel, media liaison of the Jewelry Information Center, a nonprofit trade association founded in 1946, “Fine jewelry is no longer an unobtainable fantasy. Women are asking for it by name as gifts and purchasing jewels for themselves this holiday.”

From runway-worthy looks to the classics, there is a piece of fine jewelry to satiate every desire. Here are some of the best items to consider:

- Chandelier earrings are a celebration of all that is feminine, fun and festive. Round hoops covered in pavé diamonds look good on every face shape and skin tone. Choosing the right size and shape hoop is simple: Oval faces should opt for something a little thicker and round or square faces shine with slimmer styles.

- Diamonds are the ultimate gift to give a loved one and now to give to oneself. The girl’s best friends are popping up all over in the form of Right Hand Rings for those married and especially for those celebrating single hood. This holiday, styles include diamonds stacked horizontally in creative art-like designs, and pavé or paved gems that wrap the entire white gold or platinum ring. For those who prefer one large diamond—pear, heart and oval fancy shapes make perfect engagement ring centerpieces.



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## **Fine jewelry, regardless of budget or style, makes an exquisite gift.**

- Color in fashion has carried over into the world of fine jewelry. Saturated fancy colored diamonds like pink, purple and blue are very rare yet quite coveted this holiday. Layering delicate diamond pendants or one diamond pendant with chainlink necklaces is another great trend for the holiday, allowing personalization and diversion from the norm.

- Whether they are geometric in shape or made from materials that push the envelope, brooches are the item to desire this season. Intricately carved gold leaves and flowers are an ongoing theme, as are large gemstones such as citrine, garnet and golden beryl clustered together in a huddle. Great big pearls placed together on a pin are just the thing to wear with day suits and evening dresses. For those on a budget, opt for freshwater cultured pearls that hold beautiful luster and lack the added expense.

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