

JEWELRY Q & A

What Are Findings?

These were originally bits and pieces taken from recycled objects by silversmiths who then "found" a use for them. Today, the term includes all types of standardized parts such as clips, catches, hooks, clasps and many other components used in making jewelry.

What Is A Chatelaine?

The forerunner of the modern day purse, a chatelaine is a group of chains fastened to the waist by an ornamental hook. Various accessories are attached, such as keys, scissors, a pencil, mirror, sewing case or coin purse. From the French word for "mistress of the castle."

What Is A Diamond's Cousin?

A rare and beautiful type of high purple garnet usually found alongside diamonds. They are called cousins of the diamond because the same conditions that produce diamonds also produce purple garnets. They are also called diamond indicators because they help in the search for diamonds.

What's New, What's Hot



Gold Goes Glamorous In A Variety Of Rich Colors

Colorful gold is one of the most important jewelry trends today. You will be surprised at how many attractive colors there are besides basic white and yellow. Even classic yellow gold now comes in light, medium, and dark yellow varieties.

Among the most popular colors are lovely peach, the luscious blush color of pink and rose gold and the fresh look of green gold. If you are really adventurous, you can also choose bright red, blue, purple and chocolate.

This season, many designers are offer-

ing colored gold earrings, pendants, necklaces, rings, brooches and bracelets in a variety of two and three-tone combinations. All are available in a number of finishes including a soft matte which intensifies color because it absorbs light rather than reflecting it.

Reversible jewelry styles are also popular this spring with one gold color on one side and another color on the reverse. The warm look of colored gold combines beautifully with pastel gemstones, pearls and is especially attractive with white diamonds.

Stop In With Your Questions

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