

Gift Ideas

A Special Birthday Gift

(NAPSA)—If you or someone you care about is an August baby, birthstone gift options are about to become more colorful.

New Birthstone

The official August birthstone, according to Jewelers of America (JA) and the American Gem Trade Association (AGTA), has long been peridot, but now, as an alternate birthstone, the lovely stone known as spinel has been added. It's only the third gemstone added to the list since it was established in 1912.



Spinel, like these red spinel earrings from Carelle, is now a birthstone for August.

About Spinel

Spinel has a long and storied history. The legendary “Black Prince’s Ruby” in the British Imperial State Crown is actually a spinel.

Incredible brilliance, outstanding durability and a wide array of vibrant colors—from shades of pink and purple, fiery oranges, and cool hues of gray to intense blues and dark and modern black—have made spinel a long-time favorite of serious gem collectors, so it can make a great gift even if it's not your birthday.

Making spinel even more attractive is its affordability, especially compared to rubies and sapphires, and its durability, which makes it great for everyday wear and excellent for engagement rings.

To care for the stone, simply clean it with warm soapy water and a soft cloth and avoid intense heat.

Learn More

For more facts on spinels and to find a reputable jeweler near you, visit www.jewelers.org.