

Fashion TRENDS

Dazzling Designs Among Season's Most Desirable

(NAPSA)—The latest looks offer many sparkling opportunities for jewelry lovers to shine. Here are a few trends to watch out for:

Necklaces

High-Low Necklaces: The latest necklaces combine precious and affordable elements, such as gorgeous high-karat gold nuggets combined with natural-hued gemstones. Look for hematite, rutiled quartz, tiger's eye, smoky topaz, as well as wood, shell and natural mineral crystals.

Enhancer Necklaces: The newest necklace silhouette is "The Enhancer," a significant-sized pendant hung from a structured choker necklace. Geometric in design, the styles are inspired by a combination of Pop Art, Art Deco and the 1980s.

Urban Warrior Necklaces: Intertwined fringe and chains create the statement necklaces of the season. The new silhouette is longer and features layers of chain masterfully entangled to lay perfectly on the décolletage.

Bracelets

Friendship Bracelets: Silk, satin, suede or chain-link bracelets with tiny center charms are favored by Hollywood's stylish celebrities. "Styles include good-luck talisman bracelets featuring charms of evil eyes, religious and spiritual symbols," says Helena Krodel, director of media and special events, Jewelers of America. "This trend is meant to be worn in multiples."

Earrings

Madmen Earrings: AMC's hit drama television series "Mad Men," set in 1960s New York, has helped bring back large circular and crescent-shaped earrings that sit on the earlobe. Clusters of colored gemstones, precious metals



Vicente Agor friendship bracelet in 18-karat yellow gold with diamonds.

crafted into knots, and pearls are all popular styles.

Hoops: The classic hoop earring remains a jewelry wardrobe staple. Look for charms that slide onto the hoops. Blackened sterling silver and rose gold with rose-cut diamond hoops are favored by fashionistas.

Bohemian Chandeliers: Paisley shapes, high-karat yellow gold and tiny seed pearls are elements that are incorporated into spring's more casual chandelier earring styles. Feathers, tassels and chains are also incorporated into earrings, creating depth and movement.

Rings

Cocktail Rings: Cocktail rings, also called dinner rings and right-hand rings, were originally worn as status symbols during Prohibition in the 1920s. One of the most "today" ring styles features colored gemstone clusters instead of one large gemstone.

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