

Oversize Hoops And Drops Are Big This Season

These dramatic fashion classics are absolutely the number one statement earring styles being seen everywhere these days.

Hoop Earrings. Large hoops are an unbeatable combination of the classic and trendy in both white and yellow karat gold and sterling silver. Popular styles include flat, sculptured, textured, pierced, and ribbed designs sprinkled with diamonds, colored gems, pearls, and enamel. Other favorites are thin pavé styles and large inside-outside diamond hoops that sparkle from every angle.

Drop Earrings. These dazzling, neck-skimming designs hang below the earlobe and are also called chandeliers, pendants, or dangles. Today's eye-catching swingers are long and lean, designed to move when you do. Elegant karat gold and sterling silver designs include tassels, spirals, pendulums, pagodas, plus openwork styles as well as dangling diamond or colored gemstone briolettes.

Both hoops and drops are forever favorites because of their endless versatility for either daytime or nighttime wear.



Trends To Watch

Exciting Enamel Jewelry

Richly colored enamel jewelry is one of today's strongest fashion trends. And this elegant material of kings and czars is now available at prices anyone can afford.

There are two kinds of enameling methods, both of which produce similar looks. Traditional "hot enamel" uses powdered glass which is baked on metal at extremely high temperatures. With "cold enamel," epoxy resin is baked at cooler temperatures.

Today, vividly colored enamels are available in rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and brooches. And you can choose from a wide range of eye-catching designs including flowers, butterflies, animals, birds, and miniature Fabergé-style eggs.

Popular hand-made miniature Fabergé-style eggs are created by Russian craftsmen in the artistic tradition of Carl Fabergé who produced spectacular jewel-encrusted eggs each year for the Czar of Russia.

Each colorful egg is made of sterling silver coated with vivid baked enamels, decorated with 24K gold gilt, and set with sparkling colored gems. Surprisingly affordable, these works of art can be worn as pendants, locket, earrings, or on necklaces and bracelets.

The Jewelry Doctor

Don't Wait Too Long To Restring Your Pearls

Pearls are among the most beautiful and versatile of gems. But they are porous, and can be damaged by body oils, perspiration, and cosmetics.

Body oils can also damage the silk thread on which pearls are strung causing the necklace to stretch and weaken as well as cause unattractive gaps between the pearls.

If you wear your pearls frequently, it's a good idea to let us check them once a year and have them restrung for you every 18 months. When you bring in your pearls, we'll check for fraying where the clasp is attached as well as frayed or discolored knots.

To keep your pearl necklaces in good condition, always put pearls on LAST and take them off FIRST. Then be sure to wipe them with a soft cloth and store them flat instead of hanging them to prevent the cord from stretching.

