



COVER STORY

Invaluable Whites!

The love for white jewels has stood the test of time, forever constant and entrenched in tradition and fancy, equally. Some of the most iconic moments in fashion have always seen the appearance of diamonds, pearls, crystals or other forms of white jewels. Who can forget Audrey Hepburn in her iconic little black dress in *Breakfast at Tiffany's* with the never-ending strands of pearls around her neck and wrist? Like the honest white panjabi, to the simple elegance of the white jamdani, white gems shall forever reside in the hearts of global fashionistas!

The sparkle and lustre of precious gems teasingly playing with the rays of light, especially white ones, is undeniably eye-catching. There's nothing like a statement piece, let that be in the form of a ring, necklace or even a bracelet studded with white gems that can take anyone's breath away momentarily.

From expensive to affordable ones, here's a look at some of the must-have classic white jewels that should be a part of every woman's collection that she passes on as heirlooms for generations to come.

DIAMOND

All that glitters can sometimes be those diamond studs. Many claim this to be an eighties trend, but wearing any kind of small diamond earring everyday as a part of regular wear will forever be classic and timeless just like the gem itself! Any trinket that rests gracefully on your collar bone, especially diamonds, should be reserved for special occasions. The more elaborate the piece, the simpler the outfit should be – to draw the eye to the jewel. Another alternative is to wear small diamond pendants as an everyday piece of jewellery. The rule 'bigger the better' will always stand for rings, but try stacking a few rings with different cuts and shapes to make it look like a chunky statement piece.

PEARL

Words alone cannot express the love affair that people have had with pearls. With the simplest of outfits, it is all it takes to add that wow factor. Pair your mom or grandmother's monochrome colour silk/chiffon or even floral printed georgette sari with your favourite strings of pearl(s) and voila! Jamdani and pearls are also an effortless carelessly careful look to opt for. A more modern everyday easy look to pull off is accessorising with pearl drop-earrings or pearl pendant necklaces. Although pearls come in many colours and shapes, nothing beats the classic combination of pearls and more pearls for those Hepburn-like vibes in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

WHITE SAPPHIRE

This is a great substitute to diamonds, so don't just brush them off as an inferior alternative. White sapphires are highly durable and tough and come in second on the Mohs scale only to diamonds. They are less brittle and their milky or cloudy characteristics make them a unique option as engagement rings.

MOONSTONE

This gem has almost ethereal like qualities because of its unique property called adularescence, which makes the light reflect off the stone's inner layers, making it shine in various shades of blue and purple. The best way to accessorise with moonstone

jewellery is by embracing its mystical look. They make for great statement rings. For a more hippie/bohemian look, go for a cabochon pendant styled on leather chords as a choker. As statement pieces, either wear moonstones in a dangled earring style or pair them with other white jewels like white sapphires or opals as these stones tend to accentuate the natural hues of moonstones.

Growing up, one of the iconic women in fashion with a heart of gold was Princess Di (Diana). Her fashion sense was out of this world amazing and at times risqué (when needed) and her choice of jewellery? Mostly and unapologetically dominated by white gems such as diamonds and pearls, with a hint of colour in them, her most impressive piece worn was the Cambridge Lover's Knot Tiara. So be iconic, be a gem; you don't necessarily have to be a diamond in a dozen, because its other white counterparts are as just as great!

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