

COUNSEL

BAZAAR STYLE

Mondial Neuman 18ct white gold ring with pink and white diamonds, \$84,000.

Mondial Neuman 18ct white gold necklace with pink and white diamond pendant, \$90,000.

Amber Valetta in black pearls.

Jennifer Lopez in pink diamonds.

BLING-BLING. There's something so personal about the jewellery that you wear — as opposed to the pieces that stay in their boxes — that it can be quite revealing.

Pink diamonds

They're so pretty, romantic and downright girly, it's little wonder that J.Lo sports a whopper pink diamond on her engagement ring. The best ones come from Australia's own Argyle diamond mines, and they're perfect for the girl who already has everything. One of the rarer colours, the pink diamond is perfect for the modern-day princess. She's more than a little demanding, but irresistible. **Wear them with:** Chanel miniskirts, stilettoes and the latest Louis Vuitton bag.

Black pearls

While many girls wear a sensible strand of creamy cultured pearls, black pearls are for those more rebellious types; the ones who sat up the back of the school bus, stayed out late and now positively hate wearing a staid suit. There is something alluringly mysterious about black pearls, predominantly found in the warm waters around Tahiti — and if that isn't sexy enough, gaze into the oil-slick colours of the naire, ranging from deep green to eggplant. **Wear them with:** anything black, a cool Karen Walker dress, or jeans.

White diamonds

White diamonds seem so sporty, especially set in a tennis bracelet. Or as a showgirl-style necklace. Think tanned limbs and high-maintenance beauty. We think of Paris and Nicky Hilton in chokers, tiaras, bracelets — in fact, they could be the modern-day equivalents of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes'* Lorelei Lee. White diamonds are indeed a girl's best friend. **Wear them with:** tanned flesh, Versace, Collette Dinnigan or a retro cocktail dress.

Multicoloured stones

You've moved on. You're no longer impressed by the simple glitz of diamonds. You're a creative soul who craves colour and passion. Does that sound like you? It also sounds like a lot of actresses. Nicole Kidman has been accessorising her red-gold hair with bold, multicoloured cabochon stones — think rubies, peridots, citrines, green sapphires and tourmalines. **Wear them with:** colourful concoctions by Ungaro, Christian Lacroix and Pucci, or dress up a classic black suit with a jolt of colour.

Beads

For the spiritual and the bohemian, nothing comes close to the earthy beauty of rough-hewn stones and loosely tumbled beads. Amber, coral, turquoise, aquamarine — even uncut diamonds — all speak to the goddess within. Yoga fans like Donna Karan adore the sensual appeal of precious beads. **Wear them with:** simple, subdued pieces — softly sculptural and Japanese designs, or jeans and a crisp white shirt. ▶

Bunda Tahitian black pearl bracelet with 18ct white gold and diamond clasp, \$49,800.

Nicola Kidman in coloured stones.

Escada 18ct white gold and diamond ring, \$57,900.

Barbara Heath for Maxine Mark 18ct gold and pink, violet and yellow tourmaline ring, \$3400.

Paloma Picasso for Tiffany & Co rhodonite bead necklace with 18ct gold clasp, \$16,300.

Drew Barrymore in turquoise beads.

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