



## Diamond

Birthstone Month: April

Anniversary: 10th and 60th

Season/Zodiac: Winter

### Interesting Facts/History

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Hindus believed that diamonds were most powerful in their natural state. They also used diamonds in medicine for they were believed to produce longevity, strength, energy, and a beautiful complexion. Since diamonds are unique, precious and invincible they represent lasting love, and the symbol or pledge between two people. Cupid's arrows were said to have been diamond-tipped.

Engagement diamonds have been worn on the third finger of the left hand, for Egyptians believed the "vein of love" connected this finger to the heart.

In 1477 the first written account of a gentleman successfully proposing to a woman, by presenting a diamond ring involved Archduke Maximilian of Austria to Mary of Burgundy. Until the 15th century only royalty, nobility, and priests were allowed to own and wear diamonds.

### Name Derivation

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From the Greek word "adamas" meaning unconquerable.

### Varieties, Value and Colour Symbolism

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### Where the Gem is Mined

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Canada, Russia, Australia, Africa

### Durability

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Hardness (*resistance to scratching*) = 10 on the Moh's Scale. The world's hardest substance.

Toughness (*resistance to breaking, chipping, cracking*) = Good to Exceptional.

Stability (*to heat, light, chemicals*) = Very Stable to many different conditions.

### Care and Cleaning

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Ultrasonic = Safe.

Steam Cleaning = Safe.

Repair Recommendations = Most types of repair work can be done without removing the diamonds from their mountings.

The pinnacle, known throughout the centuries by all people, brilliant, dispersive, electrifying. Sought after since the beginning of recorded history. With respect, will last forever, transcend time, and continue through the generations.

### Fashion Significance

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It's a diamond, it goes with everything.