

HISTORY OF THE DIAMOND RING



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About The Book

Rings have been adorned by the mightiest and commoners since ancient times. This ubiquitous jewel has found its place amongst the most popular ornaments for ages.

The earliest rings were found in the tombs of ancient Egypt. The Egyptians started using seals, signet engraved on the bezel setting, which was used as the marks of authenticity and power.

Sounds interesting right?

The rings have evolved over time to become a symbol of love, commitment, and trust. This book dives into the intriguing history of rings and explores their journey to become one of the most sought-after jewels of today

Let's Begin!!

JD Solitaire: An Introduction



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We always strive to bring the latest trending designs along with a myriad of traditional jewellery. With more than 2,900 unique jewellery designs, we take great pride in creating a wholesome buying experience for our customers.

Our vision: To provide world-class quality jewellery at affordable prices to everyone

“Our motto: Jewellery an affordable luxury”

Our Mission: Bring together the finest craftsmen and designers to give the best buying experience to our customers

The Brand: ‘JD Solitaire’ as the name suggests, specializes in jewellery, diamonds and solitaires.

We have been in the jewellery business for over two and a half decades, and have become a trusted consumer brand since then. Whatever the occasion be, an engagement, birthday, wedding, anniversaries or gifting yourself, we are here to bring happiness to you and your loved ones.

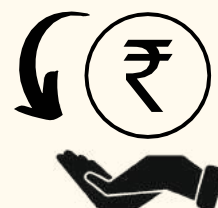
The Store: Located in the heart of the country's capital city ‘New Delhi’, we are a team of experts in jewellery designing and gemology with numerous accreditations and accolades under our belt. Our core ideas of services include a hassle-free shopping experience, BIS hallmarking, 100% internationally certified jewellery, lifetime exchange offers and unique designs.

The Founder: Mr. Sanjay Kalsi, the founder of JD Solitaire is an accredited gemologist and jewellery designer. He believes that jewellery is made for everyone and believes in the motto of ‘Affordable luxury’ for all. Get the unmatched jewellery buying experience with us and give us a chance to make you feel special.

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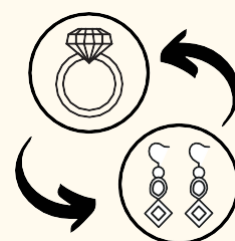
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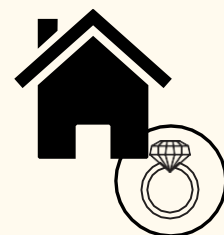


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1. RINGS - A JEWEL WORN SINCE THE MILLENIA



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The shimmering ring that you see on that finger is a masterpiece, which has evolved since the dawn of early civilizations. These symbols of love, commitment and marks of engagement and wedding have a history of their own.

Let us delve into this enticing story of the evolution of rings and remember some of the best known classics of the industry.

The Journey of Rings

Almost all the known cultures of ancient times had some or the other forms of rings, used as seals, ornaments, decorative and more.

Egyptians started it all!!

The first rings were thought to be used by Egyptian Pharaohs who considered them as a symbol of '**Eternity**', as a circle has no beginning or end. The **Ouroboros** ring, which has a serpent eating its tail, had an immense significance for them

The Egyptians initially used signet, stamps, or seals in form of rings to authenticate a document. Their seals had the name, designations, and titles of the owner engraved in **hieroglyphic** characters on an oblong-shaped gold **bezel setting**. **Scarab design rings** were worn by people in the Old Kingdom of Egypt. Egyptians also gifted rings on several occasions such as New Year.

It was the ancient Egyptians who believed that the fourth finger of the left hand had a vein, *Vena Amoris*, which led directly to the heart. They were the ones who started wearing rings on this finger, which still continues.

The ancient **Greeks** were using rings as gifts, to flaunt the fashion at that time and for decoration purposes. Greek rings symbolized love as they had Eros or Cupid depicted on them.

In the **Hellenistic period**, which started after the death of Alexander the Great, the **Hellenistic** art used bezel setting rings to hold cabochon stones, garnet, carnelians and other vitreous pastes. Most of the rings in Greece were made using silver and bronze as gold was not locally available.

In **Roman** history, rings held an important social status symbol at that time. In the early times of the Roman Republic, the rings were made from iron or copper, which were soon replaced by Gold rings. The typical design consisted of a wider bezel and a thick hoop.

One of the prominent rings of those times was the **Fede ring**, which depicted two right hands, representing partnership, contract, marriage, and friendship.

By the end of the 3rd century BC, the authorization for wearing a ring was extended to the knight or equities and by the 3rd century AD, even slaves were allowed to wear gold rings.

The emergence of the **signet ring** through the European Middle Ages was of great importance in commercial, legal, and religious affairs. The Roman Catholic Church conferred **episcopal rings** to the newly elected bishops, similarly, the **papal rings** were given to cardinals (people who elected the bishops) by popes.

In India, the early evidence of jewellery was about 1,500 BC., during the Indus Valley Civilizations, near Lothal. The people of the era started creating moulds for terracotta and metal ornaments. The gold jewellery from this civilization constituted rings, necklaces, bangles, brooches, head and ear ornaments. The women of the civilization wore gold jewellery while the men used to wear beads. The Indus valley civilization was widely known for the people's skill in gem and precious stone jewellery making techniques.

Wearing a ring by married Hindu women had been a prominent tradition in Indian culture. The rings in India were primarily made in metallic, beaded & gemstone-embellished designs.

Besides these known civilizations, rings have been found in numerous others. They have now evolved as the symbol of fashion and freedom for all while keeping the ancient traditions and virtues at heart.

Stones and Gems have been an important element of the rings. In medieval times, Diamonds represented strength, rubies; passion, and sapphire; heavens.

Romans had a prominent impact on the evolution of rings. Their 'Fede' rings were popular in the medieval era. These evolved to form the **Claddagh ring**, having a heart held by a pair of hands. With the rise of poetry, **Poesy rings** found their place in history. They had poetry engraved on the band of the ring.

Rings found a place in the wedding ceremonies after the 12th century, when marriage was said to be a holy sacrament, requiring a ceremony in the Church. However, it was mostly women who wore rings and not men. It was during World War II that the idea of '**Dual Rings**' caught on. The men in the army troupes wore rings to remember their wife back home and thus, began the 'Era of rings for men'

By the 19th century, the traditional use of rings started diminishing and this gave a rise to different styles of rings. Rings meant for engagement and weddings still symbolize devotion, commitment, and love. They also represent a promise between a couple and a bonding for their families.

However, in modern times rings have evolved to become a fashion and style statement as well. Made of gold, silver, platinum, gemstones, and many other elements, they represent the beauty and freedom of today's world while preserving the virtues and values of the age-old traditions

2. THE FASCINATING WORLD OF 'RINGS'



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When it comes to adorning your delicate hands, rings are such magnificent pieces of jewelry that are loved by everyone. They can bring a classic, fashionable and modern appeal to your overall look and personality. Each ring is different in its own way symbolizing and signifying a unique persona.

A lot goes into making these shimmery yet elegant ornaments. Rings are made using different metals, settings, and gemstones. Let us visit this sparkling world of 'Rings' and explore their different types and forms.



SOLITAIRE RINGS

Solitaire rings have become synonymous with the 'Engagement Rings', as they are the most popular choice for engagements. The uncanny sparkle exuded by the Solitaire at the centre is enough to make it a worthy choice.

Key features:

The Solitaire rings are designed to hold a single diamond at the centre using different settings. For example, a prong setting can be used to hold the centerpiece or a halo setting in which several small diamonds are encircled around the central diamond.



GOLD RINGS

Gold rings are timeless and classy. You can opt for beautiful designs carved onto gold. The three most popular type of gold metals are **yellow gold, rose gold and white gold.**

Key Features:

Each of them is used in different ways to suit the overall look of the ring. You can opt for 22 K or 18K gold for more durability.



DIAMOND STUDED GOLD RING

Diamond studded gold rings are captivating, spectacular and timeless. These rings consist of diamonds that are engraved into the gold settings, making them the one of the most elegant fashion accessory.

Key Features:

The rings are often decorated with popular motifs like flowers, butterflies and clusters.



ANTIQUE RINGS

Antique rings, as the name suggests are the symbols of historical events and culture. The Great Victorian Era, Georgian, Edwardian Eras all have a prominence in the history. Rings worn during these times dated to be around 100 years ago, estimated to be before 1920, fall under this category.

Key Features:

These rings have sparkling, twinkling textures & designs. Flowers, snakes and animals designs are a prominent feature of these rings. Milgrain technique (beaded look around the edges) is also found in this type of rings.



VINTAGE RINGS

Vintage rings found their place around 50-100 years ago, between the year 1920 and 1970. The designs of the vintage collections mostly hailed from Art Deco, Mid-Century and Retro.

Key features:

These rings have bolder gemstones with warm color tones. They can be found in alluring designs of butterflies, poppies, dragonflies, and orchids



BIRTHSTONE RINGS

Birthstone is a gemstone that represents one's birth month and zodiac sign.

Each birthstone has a unique meaning and significance. These rings are often meant to be worn all the time. There are 12 stones that can be used to create a birthstone ring, assigned for each of the zodiac signs.

Key Features:

Birthstone rings have the particular gemstone for you depending on the month of your birth. These are colourful, radiant, and clearer than the common minerals.



BAND RINGS

These rings represent plain bands made out of gold, silver or platinum. They have no extra stones or ornations.

They are a symbol of humility and simplicity and it is believed that the individual wearing these is down to earth and passionate about his life and goals.

Key Feature:

These rings have intricate designs and made up of plain and shining metals. It indicates that the wearer is engaged or married.



CLADDAGH RINGS

The classic Claddagh ring belongs to Ireland from medieval times. These rings were used as engagement or wedding rings by the Irish people. The word 'Claddagh' means love, trust and bonding with the married couples.

Key Features:

The rings are made to have symbols such as heart, crown and handshake, which denotes, true love, trust and friendship.



CLUSTER RINGS

A cluster has a centre stone, along with small diamond surrounding the centre diamond. In the earlier times, these small diamonds were colourful and vibrant such as ruby, emeralds and sapphire.

Key Feature:

The ring forms a 'flower', 'Starburst' or square designs when all the diamonds are placed together.



COCKTAIL RINGS

In the year 1920s during the Prohibition Era, the women often adorned themselves with these cocktail rings which signified power, wealth and invincibility.

They were prepared for special events and pair-up with the elaborate and heavy dresses.

Key Features:

These rings are oversized, striking rings, often set in large diamonds. They are vibrant brilliance, which makes them the perfect choice for cocktail parties.



MOISSANITE RINGS

Moissanite rings are made of pure silicon, which is rare, naturally occurring mineral.

Due to their elegant look and aesthetic appeal, moissanite is becoming a new trendsetter today.

Key Feature:

To recognise a true moissanite, you may use a loupe to look through the top of the stone, you will find two blurred lines, which is a sign of real moissanite stone.



KUNDAN RINGS

Kundan work is one of the most loved Indian jewellery in the world today. Kundan ring is a statement piece that goes well with every ethnic attire. Kundan jewellery is created from gemstones set with a gold foil between the stones and its mounting.

Key Features:

You can find beautiful shapes of lotuses, tulips and carnations within the motifs/patterns of the pieces.



POLKI RINGS

These mesmerizing pieces of jewellery are made from uncut, raw diamonds and follow the original cut of the diamond. These Polki rings provide a naturally elegant look, making them fit for a piece of heirloom jewellery. The Jadau technique is used to set uncut diamonds in the setting.

Key Feature:

A polki ring will have an uncut diamond with no facets, used in its natural form.



MEENAKARI RINGS

Meenakari designs are an artful style of Kundan jewellery, which fuses the brilliant colors over the surface of the ring. Materials like glass and powders of precious stones are used to create the colourful effects of the jewellery.

Key Features:

Meenakari rings have intricate filigree details. Casted in 22K yellow gold, these rings are handmade and often created in matching with the wedding trousseau.



CONTEMPORARY RINGS

A contemporary ring features delicate lines, sleek design and magnificent curves made out of the metal piece.

These rings are meant to reflect subtlety and simplicity rather than extravagance.

Key Features:

The ends of these rings do not meet. These are plain metal engraved with arrows or dolphin tail ends, giving them a contemporary and a tint of modern look.

3. DIAMOND RINGS - A POPULAR CHOICE FOR THE BRIDES-TO-BE



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Sparkle of a diamond is not easy to resist when it comes to choosing a Ring. Diamond has become an all-loving, all-pervasive stone of choice for engagement rings in today's world.

Even the people of ancient times could not ignore the scintillating brilliance of Diamonds. Romans were the first to have worn a diamond ring around 100CE, while a wedding in the early 1400s is thought to be the first recorded wedding using diamond rings. A famous wedding poem reads: *“Two wills, two hearts, two passions are bonded in one marriage by a diamond”*, which was written about 1475.

It was in the year 1477 when Archduke Maximillian I of Austria proposed to marry the Duchess of Burgundy, with a diamond ring featured long and narrow scintillating diamonds mounted in an M shape, spelling out Mary's initial. This bought the diamond in the frontline as a popular choice for all the brides-to-be.

The trend of diamonds was also set by **Charles Tiffany**, who crafted a modern diamond ring for the world in the form of a classic **Tiffany setting**, which features a round brilliant cut diamond set in a six-prong setting.

In the autumn of 1903, Franklin Roosevelt proposed to marry Eleanor Roosevelt with a tiffany setting diamond engagement ring.

Victorian Era played a key role in bringing the diamond in the limelight as diamond jewelry was much loved by **Queen Victoria** herself.

Diamond owes its rise to the pinnacle to **De Beers**, which controlled the majority of diamonds mining around 1940s. In 1947, De Beers launched an advertising campaign called ‘**A Diamond is forever**’, which created a revolution in the world of diamond jewelry. Further, De Beers saw the rise of diamonds as a symbol of romance, glamour, and fashion by giving diamonds to Hollywood actresses for their movies.

4. DIVE INTO THE SPARKLING WORLD OF DIAMOND RINGS



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Big Girls Need Big Diamonds! - Elizabeth Taylor

The sparkle of diamond brings a refreshing joy. The shimmering stone has become a name for an engagement and an integral part of the Indian wedding tradition. Known to personalize magnificence, sheer, and charm, diamonds are enough to steal the spotlight every time.

Diamonds including Solitaires offer a variety of ranges from engagement rings to wedding bands. Choose your favourite one for that special event or that D-day, you have been waiting for.



SOLITAIRE RING

A solitaire ring is perfect for couples who want to keep it simple, stylish and elegant. Solitaire rings have a central stone, mounted on the top and centre of the ring. Some solitaire rings have narrower bands to make the stone appear larger and prominent while the others have a broad and shiny band and centre stone surrounded by the small diamonds, which gives a distinguished and majestic look.

You will find a variety of designs and looks to choose from



PAVE RING

These rings have tiny diamonds encrusted on the band ring surface, thus making it appearing as if the ring is made from the these.

The prongs or a metal setting is the only visible part in the pave rings. The round-cut diamond or princess-cut are the most commonly used centre stone in these type of rings.



HALO RINGS

This setting features halo or tiny diamonds surrounding the centre diamond. The halo diamonds enhance the ring's sparkle which gives a radiant and sparkling look.

Asscher-cut, oval-cut, and pear-cut diamonds are the most popular choices for the halo engagement rings.



VINTAGE RINGS

The classic, vintage ring are the epitome of elegant artisanship. These designs are inspired by the timeless collection of jewellery.

These rings boast fire, brilliance and scintillation. In vintage rings the centre stones are prong-set, bezel-set or tiffany-set.



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THREE STONE RING

The three-stone rings have some extra shimmer on them. The centre gemstone is flanked by two other diamonds on each side.

While choosing the side stone, choose a contrasting yet a grade higher to the diamond located in the centre of the ring. Round-cut diamond or princess-cut diamonds are popular and mostly preferred for the centrepiece. You can also opt for blue sapphires as side stones and a round-cut diamond for the centre of the ring.



TENSION SET RING

It is a modern and unique style of ring setting without any prongs in which the centre diamond is placed by physical force, such a way that the diamond is suspended or floating in the air.

The popular choices of diamond cuts for these diamonds are round, princess and emerald-cut.



CHANNEL SET RING

In these rings, the diamonds are engraved into the channel-like band or grooves between the two metal strips.

These strips are made from two different metals, let's say white gold and rose gold which creates a contrasting look of the jewellery piece. These rings are available in variety of shapes and cuts on the side of the bands, giving the centre stone a much bolder look.

No prongs, bezel or halo settings are used in these engagement rings. These channel set engagement rings are simple and are popular among the people who are active and involved in the fitness regime.

5. DIAMOND RING - A TREND THAT KEEPS ON GROWING



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The journey of the 'Ring', which started 100s of years ago has reached a new turning point in modern times. Individuals today have such a wide variety of tastes, which encompasses both classic and modern styles along with a fusion of both.

The rings have evolved not just in form and design but also in the look and appeal, signifying different styles, be it modern sleek look of today, old and traditional feel of the generations or appealing to various tastes such as an athlete or a nature lover.

We have carved such amazing trends which rule the diamond rings today. From chic and fashionable multi-stone rings to vintage designer rings, you will find all here.

The Dazzling Solitaire Rings

A solitaire ring is the most popular traditional and classic style engagement ring . The term 'Solitaire' means one single diamond stone in the jewelry design. To flaunt the real beauty of the solitaire, the diamond is mounted on the top of the band using a stylish setting, such as prong, bezel or halo.

If you are searching for a timeless and elegant style, the solitaire ring can be an excellent choice for you. Solitaires have never been out of fashion. This is one such piece of jewellery that has been always loved and cherished since its evolution.



The Flamboyant Colours Of Multi-Stone Rings

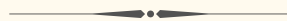
While the beautiful and minimalistic solitaire rings make for most of the engagement ring category, many people still want to add bling to their look. This is where the multi-stone rings come in. These rings form a pattern of tiny diamonds encrusted onto the ring band with the glittering centre stone, making them the most versatile and charming piece of ornament.



Timeless and Classic- Bezel Setting

A bezel setting is one of the oldest and most appreciated settings in the engagement rings. It is an excellent choice for people who are calm and love the serenity of nature

In a bezel setting, a centre stone is set engraved within a thin metal plate rim. Thus, the metal surrounds the stone creating a secure hold. In a partial bezel setting, the diamond in the centre is only partly covered on the side by metal ends. This increases the visibility of the stone and its firmness onto the ring band.



Optimistic Sapphire Engagement Rings

While coloured gemstones like pink and yellow stones have already been in trend for a while, sapphire stones are a new craze these days. A blue sapphire gemstone along with the halo setting in a white tiny diamond and white gold as the ring band metal is one of the most popular combinations.

Besides Sapphire, you can also choose aquamarine, tourmaline, or a light blue shade for the same bluish effects.

Viridescent Emerald Engagement Rings

For all those nature lovers out there an emerald ring is a decent choice. These green gemstones are commonly associated with calmness, happy beginnings, and serenity. Emerald is an all-pervasive stone, which suits every skin tone. A darker one for fair skin to bring out the milkier appearance or a vibrant greenish one for that olive skin tone can be adorned to bring out golden undertones of the skin can be used.

Cherished for generations- Vintage Engagement Rings

Take a cue from the Victorian Era or Art Deco Flair. The intricacy and the influence of these designs give a glamorous feel. The delicate details like filigree (metal wiring details), milgrain (a beaded metal pattern), and halo setting constitute a popular look reflecting all the glamour of these scintillating jewels

Whether you're passing an heirloom piece, shopping for a new design, or looking for new ideas, you will always go right with a vintage engagement ring.

Alluring Two Stone Engagement Rings

These rings are also known as '*Toi Et Moi*' rings (meaning *You and Me in French*). The two glittering stones that are set side by side or close to each other also symbolize that the two souls are getting together as one.

Exuding a stupendous sparkle, these rings are the choice of many. Don't think you are the only one to have fallen for these !! In 1796, Napoleon Bonaparte proposed to Josephine De Beauharnais (Duchess of Navarre) with a pear-shaped sapphire and white diamond *Toi et Moi* ring.

The Enduring Love for Yellow Gold

The days of yellow gold are here and it has become a popular metal for engagement rings of today. Many women choose to set their favourite diamond in the yellow gold metal band for their D-day. These brides-to-be have been found adding their own spice of modern twist to the traditional yellow gold by introducing a hidden halo under the centre diamond for extra sparkling and shine.



The Majestic Marquise-Cut Diamond Rings

Timeless, classic, aesthetic, unique are all that represent marquise cut diamond rings. With their new shapes, styles, and colors, these diamond rings have been a new addition to the diamond solitaire trend. Due to their fresh appearance, the designers of today have embraced them by showcasing them in contemporary styles which gives it a modern makeover.

For a minimalistic and modern look, the jewellers are suggesting to set marquise cut diamond as petite stones on a simple band in a retro nod. You may also choose the marquise diamond ring with tiny emeralds.



Vivid coloured gemstones

Nowadays, people are opting for unique gemstones rings as alternatives to diamonds. The mesmerizing colours of gemstones in oval, classic round and modern geometric shapes are appealing to people right now.

The geometrical designs featuring shield-cut diamonds, rubies, sapphires, tourmaline and other precious gemstones are thought to be trendsetters for this year.



Brand New 18 Karat Black Gold Ring

'Black' is the latest trend in the jewellery industry. Formed with a dash of gold and cobalt, this powerful alloy is set to make a buzz across the industry.

The eternal radiance of the black gold jewellery is loaded with a black and greyish finish while being scratch-resistant. This all-new 18 Karat black gold has the standard balance of colour and durability which makes it blend very well with diamond and vibrant coloured gemstones.



6. YOUR FINGERS AND THE RINGS



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'Rings were worn on the fourth finger of the left hand as per ancient belief because it has a vein that connects directly to the heart called vena amoris'

Rings are thought to be auspicious when worn in a particular way.

Ring fingers are often reserved for engagement rings. But what about the other fingers? Do they have a culture-specific reason and are worn just to flaunt a new stylish ring on a special occasion? Well, some fingers have more deep meaning as compared to others, so it totally depends upon your choice to wear them along with your favorite outfit.

Your left hand and right hand.

The Left hand is believed to indicate our thoughts, beliefs, character, and emotions, which makes it an ideal one for wearing an engagement ring.

The right hand is thought of to be the dominant hand symbolizing leadership, confidence, and financial freedom, which is used to flaunt status, power, and style.

Most often than not women prefer a **cocktail ring**, made using colorful gemstones or set with a birthstone, in their right hand. Although the concept of 'right-hand rings' is relatively new, it signified economic freedom of women since the 1920s. However, the idea that a ring worn on the right-hand finger denotes '*me*' while the left-hand fingers indicate '*we*' still persists with women of today.

Is it the right finger?

Left Hand Fingers

From your professions and choices to your marital status, finger rings tell a lot about your personality. Some fingers have special meaning while others pave a way to flaunt a stylish appeal.

Left Pinky Finger

Popular during the 19th and 20th centuries, a wedding ring on the pinky finger indicated that a person is married. Some historians state that **American president Roosevelt** wore his wedding ring in the pinky finger.

Left Ring Finger: Married, Engaged, A Promise

In many western countries cultures, the left ring finger is reserved for an engagement ring and wedding bands. A ring worn on the left ring symbolizes:

- **Marital status:** A married person adorns the ring on the left ring finger. This custom is based on an ancient belief that a blood vein travels directly from the left ring finger to the heart
- **Betrothal:** A ring in this finger indicates that the wearer is engaged and about to get married in some time. At the time of the wedding, the bride may choose to wear her engagement ring on the same finger or switch it to another finger.
- **A Special Promise:** Some people chose to wear a promise ring gifted by their loved ones on this finger. The **promise ring** in the left ring finger denotes a romantic promise.

Left Index Finger: The Highlighter

The left index finger also doesn't have a specific symbolism. However, this finger is a good choice to flaunt your favorite diamond ring to get noticed for sure.

Right Hand Fingers

The Meaning Of Right Hand Fingers

Ladies, cheer up! There are no rules for wearing a ring in the right hand. You can flaunt your flawless diamond solitaire, a flamboyant, large-sized cocktail ring, or your lucky birthstone in any of the right-hand fingers. Though the idea of wearing rings on the right finger is a newbie, it also showcases the women's economic independence and power.

De Beers, the company which pioneered the diamond market launched a campaign, ' **Raise your right hand**'. The campaign targeted elite and independent women of those times. It used *"Your left-hand rocks the cradle. Your right-hand rules the world"* as the catchline, which made the right hand a symbol of independence, status, and power.

Right and Left Middle Finger: Flaunt your style

A ring worn in the left middle finger doesn't necessarily denote anything. Since it is the longest finger of the hand, it symbolizes leadership and responsibility. It is a great choice if you are willing to flaunt your power, status and leadership appeal.

Right hand and Left Hand Thumb: Confidence

A thumb ring on the left doesn't necessarily stand anything about your relationship status, profession, or other aspects of your life. But, you are free to show off your chunky thumb ring as a part of a fashion statement.

Right Index Finger

In some cultures, a ring index finger symbolizes marital status. In a traditional **Jewish ceremony**, a **plain gold band** is made to wear on the ring index finger. Some brides move their rings to the left ring finger after the ceremony, while others choose to place them on the right index finger.

Right Ring Finger- Marriage

Many cultures have reserved left ring fingers for wedding and engagement rings. However, some like Germany, Russia, and India, use the right ring finger for representing marital status.

Ring Pinky Finger: Professionalism

A right pinky finger indicates professional status. IN professions such as engineering and ecology, a ring in the right pinky finger symbolized graduation and knowledge in the core field. Professional rings are simple, elegant, and plain bands made from iron, silver, or steel.

Traditions that still stands

The engagement ring symbolizes betrothal, love, and commitment. The tradition of wearing a ring started in ancient **Egypt**, where a ring was meant to symbolize the endurance of everlasting love. Irrespective of the origins, today there are many beautiful engagement traditions practiced around to date. Let's check out the different traditions that exist around the world.

South American and Latin American Countries.

In several Latin American traditions, during an engagement, the bride and groom exchange their rings and wear it on their right ring finger until the wedding day arrives. After getting married they move their rings onto their left ring finger.

In South American countries like Argentina, the engaged couples wear a **silver ring** till the time they get married and then switch that ring for a gold ring on their wedding day.

USA

In the USA, women, and men prefer to wear an engagement and wedding ring on the left ring finger. **Diamond solitaires** are among the most popular form of rings in this country. The most popular diamonds are round-cut diamonds.

European Countries

France: French couples prefer colorful gemstones such as emeralds, sapphires, rubies as engagement rings. They usually opt for small diamonds that range between 0.3 to 0.4 carats. As a part of the tradition, the bride gifts a wristwatch to the groom.

Ireland: The Claddagh ring, is the most popular ring type in Ireland. The ring features two hands holding a heart adorned with a crown, indicated the relationship status.

When a person is unmarried, the Claddagh ring is worn in the right hand with the crown turned away from the wearer. If the person is in a relationship or married, the ring is worn on the left hand with the crown facing outwards, facing the wearer.

Sweden: Swedish couples wear plain gold or silver rings during their engagement days and the brides are gifted with diamond rings on their wedding day.

Germany: The couples wear a promise ring on their left hand before getting married. Once married, they move the same ring onto their right ring finger.

The Middle East

Israel: Jewish Engagement rings were quite elaborate with intricacy and complexity to be worn on a daily basis. However, today the brides in Israel prefer modern designed rings such as **solitaires and three-stone rings**. Some brides also choose engagement rings engraved with their **beloved's initials**.

Turkey: Turkish people have been known for their popular engagement traditions. During the ceremony, the bride and the groom stand in front of the senior members of the family. Then a bridesmaid carries their engagement rings tied together with a long red ribbon. The senior member cuts the ribbon and gives the traditional vows with good wishes and blessings.

Asia

India: Left hand for ladies and right hand for men is used in Indian tradition thus, the engagement and wedding rings are traditionally worn on both the right hand and left hand. Also, in some Indian states, women are presented with bangles or bracelets studded with colorful gemstones to celebrate their big day.

Japan: The married couples are often seen wearing engagement rings which is soon replaced by wedding rings. The wedding rings are made up of platinum with simple yet elaborate designs.

Russia: In Russia, the idea of engagement rings was not popular as a traditional ceremony. Rather, the couple decides to buy the wedding rings and exchange them on the wedding day. These wedding bands are simple gold bands and are usually worn on the right ring finger.

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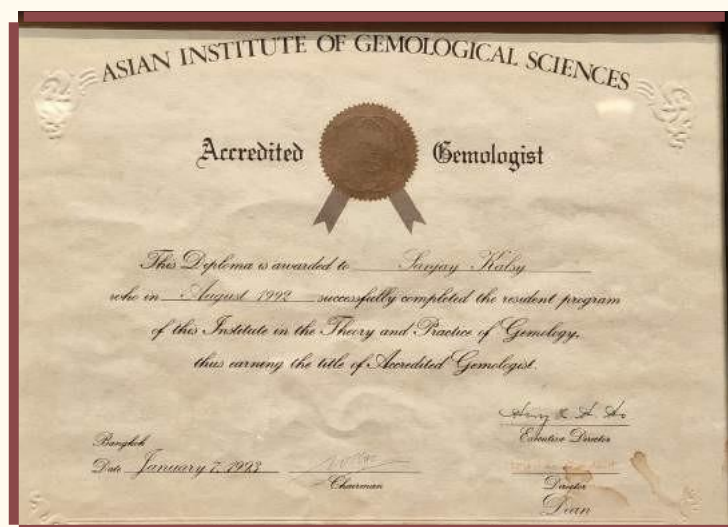
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