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# Fancy That! Diamonds in Living Color

Think of a color. There's probably a diamond in the very shade you love.

**O**ur first impression about diamonds is often the whiter the better. Collectors crave icy-white diamonds for their "high color," as they are called. But diamonds' high color is actually a reference to their lack of body color. Today diamond fans are being enticed with daring diamonds in vivid colors that bring excitement to their jewelry wardrobe.

Did you know that diamonds are found in a stunning array of natural colors? When they are recovered from the mines displaying a pleasing body color, they are called fancy color diamonds. But diamonds can also undergo enhancements to bring out some dazzling hues that thrill collectors. Some of the more popular enhanced diamond colors are cognac, brown, blue and green. Either way, by nature or nurture, you'll want to consider adding colored diamonds to your collection.

## From The Ground Up

Amazingly, the process of diamond coloration happens naturally underground during their formative stage. All diamond discoveries are a rare event. But diamond experts tell us that only one in every 10,000 diamonds found is considered a natural fancy colored diamond.

Diamonds are unique in the gem and mineral world for their chemical makeup. They are the only gem comprised of a single element, carbon. But when diamonds come into contact with other trace elements during their growth phase, an astonishing and colorful transformation occurs.

## What's Your Fancy?

Diamonds are discovered in yellow, for example. These vibrant jewels are called Canary for obvious reasons. They can garner some

pretty fancy sunson the global market too. Blue, pink, orange, and other colors of diamonds also turn up on rare occasions. And it's the rarity of these glamorous rocks that drives their price into the stratosphere. Who wouldn't crave a lovely green or peach colored diamond with its mysterious allure and enviable scintillation? Did you know diamonds can even occur in a delicate lavender tint?

## The Red Carpet Effect

A decade back, most diamond lovers had barely heard of colored diamonds and fewer yet understood what they were. Then red carpet celebrities changed all that. First Jennifer Lopez wore a delicate heart shaped pink diamond engagement ring in public, followed by basketball star Kobe Bryant's wife sporting her emerald cut lavender diamond. Halle Berry thrilled Oscar night attendees one year wearing a multi-million dollar cushion shaped orange diamond with a cheeky name of The Pumpkin.

Famous fancy colored diamonds can be priceless and out of reach even to wealthy collectors. But their growing popularity inspires jewelry designers to include affordable enhanced colored diamonds in their couture collections. You should take a closer look at these sparkling color stones. Treated or enhanced diamonds offer collectors an affordable way to enjoy the brilliance of diamonds in colors they favor. It's a terrific opportunity to add a very personal dimension to your jewelry wardrobe. Enjoy browsing through a rainbow of delectable colored diamonds, both natural and enhanced that Diamonds International offers. You'll find a special item that is calling your name... and we'd like to think your name is Trendsetter, you classy lady. 

