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### **BRIDE & BRILLIANCE**

### **FACETS**

### engagement rings



### MODERN

Modern engagement rings in *Toi et Moi* (you and me) styles, coloured gems in special cuts, modern art deco, contemporary classics, bold geometry, asymmetrical, and minimalist all tend to eschew tradition. Some designers tend to embrace semi-precious stones, while others embellish it with enamel in endearing ways.



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### STAR STRUCK

Engagement rings sported by royalty and celebs are huge inspirations for ring hunters be it the late Princess Diana's beautiful blue sapphire and diamond cluster ring, Elizabeth Taylor's eye-popping 29.4ct emerald-cut diamond engagement ring, or Lady Gaga's gorgeous ring featuring an oval-shape pink centre stone surrounded by a halo of round white diamonds.

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- **7.** Diamond Legends Cupid ring, DE BEERS
- 8. Highland ring, KAT KIM
- **9.** Sera diamond and 18K gold ring, SARTORO
- **10.** La Sacla ring in emerald and diamonds, HOUSE OF MERAKI
- **11.** Sapphire ring in platinum with pear-shaped diamonds, inspired by Princess Diana's sapphire ring, DAVID GROSS
- **12.** Watermelon tourmaline and diamond ring in platinum, JOCHEN LEËN

## GIA Alumni Alberto Petochi's Guide to Buying Engagement Ring

- Fix your budget first. Know how much you are willing to spend and start from there.
- Know your partner: what they like, the style of jewellery they often wear, and their lifestyle. This will make a big impact on the mounting and the stone of choice.
- Go only to a trusted jeweller. You may find a lot of options online, but only a trusted jeweller will explain to you the difference between various stones and show options that enable you to compare stones and mountings.
- Have the ring sized correctly.
- Learn about the 4-Cs of diamond: colour, clarity, carat, and cut. The proportions are very important as they make a difference to the appearance of the stone.
- Make sure the ring comes with a GIA certification, especially when the stone is precious.
- Get insurance. Make sure to check with your insurance broker about deductibles and replacement value or similar stone, and keep the value up to date.