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**JEWELS** 

t's not all sweetness and light in the jewellery world. For every floral motif there's a wasp's nest to contend with, and for every perfect diamond solitaire ring there's a great big chunk of gemstone rock to dwarf it. The latest collections from these designers are no exception.

Jade Jagger's new NeverEnding range for 1stdibs launches in September and turns the idea of tiny, shiny gemstones set in metal on its head by making the stones themselves the main material in each piece. Almighty hunks of ruby, sapphire and chrysoprase are cut into jagged arches, and turned into rings and bracelets with slight enamel or pavé

surrounds set in 18-carat gold. Jagger was inspired by her childhood influences—New York architecture, Diane von Furstenberg and the 1970s in general (1stdibs.com).

Iranian-British jeweller Leyla Abdollahi's Lust & Lure collection features Art Deco-inspired onyx and emeralds (leyla-abdollahi.com), while Tessa Packard's forthcoming range includes tiny wasps complete with skin-piercingly sharp stings (tessapackard.com). Speaking of sharp, the teeth of Solange Azagury-Partridge's sabre-toothed tiger

skull Caveman ring from her first-ever men's collection, Alpha, aren't to be messed with, even after hard wearing intentionally rubs away the blackened 18-carat white gold to reveal the warm tones of yellow gold underneath (solange.co.uk).

Dutch designer Bibi van der Velden never met a piece of dead animal she didn't like, and has managed to use both scarab wings and mammoth ivory in her Scarab earrings, along with tsavorites and sapphires (bibivandervelden.com). And super-high-end house Savelli has collaborated with socially responsible mining company

Gemfields on two new limited-edition, emerald-encrusted smartphones, available exclusively at Harrods (savelli-geneve.com). Diane Kordas turns pretty stars into a gritty ear cuff by spreading them out across the ear in diamond-studded burnished gold (dianekordasjewellery.com). And if you really want your jewellery to be rocking, look to Michaela de Pury, who has just launched the most ostentatiously cool line of what can only be described as insanely high-end rappers' jewels, from black diamond-studded headphones to diamond-heavy mikes (depurydepury.com).

