Alternative to the Expensive Earth Minded Diamond – Quality Affordable Wedding Rings!

Hello, I am today’s guest blogger, Trevor of MiaDonna.com.

In this day and age you can easily shop for the Engagement Ring or Wedding Ring of your dreams right from the comfort of your own home. You can also save a small fortune with many of the options that are coming from the man made diamond field that are designed to replace traditional and usually quite expensive earth mined diamonds. I think you will also be happily surprised at how easy it is for some online jewelers to create a custom piece just for you or alter a piece to your liking at incredibly affordable price.

Two very well know products that are being used as earth mined diamond substitutes are the Simulated Diamond Hybrid™ and the Cultured or Lab grown Diamond. The Simulated Diamond Hybrid™ consists of a non-precious core that is covered in a carbon outer layer with a coating of lab created diamond. This covered outer layer of diamond makes the Hybrid nearly two times harder than a CVD, giving it a friction coefficient lower than that of Teflon, making it more difficult to cut and grind, and giving the Hybrid a fire and light dispersion and index of refraction that is nearly identical to an earth mined diamond.

The Simulated Diamond Hybrid ranges from $100.00 to $400.00 per carat and is guaranteed for life against chipping, fading, loss of brilliancy and etching. Cultured Diamonds or Lab grown Diamonds are identical to earth mined diamonds both chemically, physically, and optically. These lab grown diamonds range in price from $3,000.00 to $10,000.00 per carat and come in a wide variety of colored stones but are in short supply of the traditional white diamonds used in most settings today. Both of these products are free of mining and conflict, and are also a great green choice to complement brides throwing a green wedding.

When you look at the money that you can save on the center stone alone, it opens the doors and now allows you to custom create a ring that is unique and as special as you. Most online jewelers can create 3d images from almost anything that you give them, allowing you to see the ring before production starts. Whether it is a drawing, picture, or a discussion that you have with your jeweler, these custom pieces should never cost you more than $500 to develop beyond the price of the metal and stones. Many women these days alter pieces that they have seen in magazines, replicate a piece worn by a celebrity or simply spend some time dreaming it themselves. The sky really should be the limit when it comes to custom creations.

Lastly, take some time and look at the available metals. Many women and men these days are very excited to hear the word platinum but not so excited to hear the price. Palladium is a newer metal that is from the platinum family and in some cases ends up being even harder than platinum at a 14K Gold price. Palladium will wear and look just like platinum even developing the lovely, patina, or sheen that platinum gets with age. Be sure your jeweler is specialized in Palladium, as it does take a highly skilled craftsman to work with it. And again, if you are investing in a green wedding, palladium and all other metals are readily available in recycled and eco-friendly production.

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