

PINNING CEREMONY

Having evolved from the humbly utilitarian to the exuberantly decorative, **fanciful brooches** are enjoying an arresting fashion renaissance. Here, a look at the radiant breastpins, both past and present



LOVE BROOCH: Antique Sweetheart pin, \$225; lazydogantiques.rubylane.com. • **SPRAY BROOCH:** Victorian Diamond Floral spray brooch, \$11,750; langantiques.com. • **JABOT PIN:** Cartier Art Deco Jade jabot pin, \$44,500; msrau.com. • **DRESS CLIP:** LaCloche Frères Art Deco diamond dress clip, \$18,500; simonteakle.com. • **EN TREMBLANT BROOCH:** Victorian *En Tremblant* fly pin, \$1,000; croghansjewelbox.com. • **BACKGROUND FABRIC:** Hampstead Verdure, \$440 per meter; watts1874.co.uk.

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Finer Things

With rubied tongue and tsavorite eyes, beware the femme fatale. *Kissing Crocodile brooch* by **Sillam**, \$80,000; sillam.com.



A dazzling boutonniere with 1930s-inspired élan. *Gardenia brooch* by **Oscar Heyman**, \$76,000; oscarheyman.com.



Diamond-rich laurel leaves recall Italy's Byzantine mosaics. *Byzantine brooch* by **Roberto Coin**, \$4,200; robertocoin.com.

Elizabeth Locke imagined citrine and peridot as the perfect autumn tweed. *Lemon Citrine and Peridot brooch* by **Elizabeth Locke**, \$7,475; neimanmarcus.com.



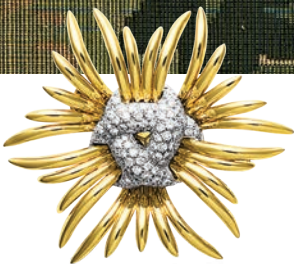
CHAMPIONS OF THE BROOCH

Five style luminaries who proudly marched the precious pins through history.



← **JOAN CRAWFORD**
Defying demure with her broad shoulder pads and bold lip, this iconic 1940s movie star showed American women the power of an outsize piece.

QUEEN VICTORIA →
The 19th-century monarch pinned her beloved's gift—a large sapphire surrounded by 12 brilliants—near her heart on their wedding day.



Style icon Millicent Rogers adored Verdura's venerable nod to the Maltese cross. *Ray brooch* by **Verdura**, \$28,500; 212-758-3388.



▶ An oval-cut amethyst center for a slow, ravishing reveal. *Flower brooch* by **David Webb**, price upon request; davidwebb.com.



▶ Taking flight: more than 487 pieces of fancy-cut emeralds. *2020 Black Label Masterpiece II Plumule brooch* by **Cindy Chao**, price upon request; cindycho.com.



▶ White gold and diamond butterflies and flowers. *Giardini Segreti brooch* by **Pasquale Bruni**, price upon request; pasqualebruni.com.



▶ A transformable triumph in rose gold, rubies, and diamonds. *Ludo secret watch clip* by **Van Cleef & Arpels**, \$313,000; vancleefarpels.com.

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◀ A squash blossom superpower with amethysts and gray pearls. *Amethyst Crescent pin* by **Sorab & Roshi**, \$7,800; sorabandroshi.com.

▶ A vivid supernova by the equally cosmic Hutton Wilkinson. *Coral, Turquoise, Aquamarine, Amethyst, and Pearl brooch* by **Tony Duquette**, price upon request; tonyduquette.com.



▽ An exquisite reminder to persist: Schepps's tiny turtle with a sapphire-studded aventurine shell. *Small Turtle brooch* by **Seaman Schepps**, \$10,100; seamanschepps.com.



↑ **VIVIEN LEIGH**
A cultural omnivore, the glamorous British actress loved to mix historic pieces like diamond brooches with couture—a high-water mark of celebrity style.

↓ **ELIZABETH TAYLOR**
Credit singer Eddie Fisher for turning this Bvlgari into the most famous *en tremblant* brooch ever by giving it to his megawatt wife.



↑ **QUEEN ELIZABETH II**
Rarely seen without a brooch, the Queen prefers to pin sensibly at the shoulder, as with this 1858 piece handed down from Queen Victoria.



▶ Perennial beauty: an Australian South Sea pearl with petals of red and green tourmaline. *Blossom brooch* by **Margot McKinney**, \$69,500; neimanmarcus.com.



△ A sumptuous begonia with petals of white, pink, and yellow gold. *Prestigio brooch* by **Buccellati**, \$33,000; buccellati.com. ◆



◀ This iconic Chinoiserie Pagoda was recently auctioned off to benefit Nashville's Cheekwood Estate & Gardens. *Mish Chinoiserie Pagoda brooch* by **Mish New York**, price upon request and similar styles available; mishnewyork.com.



▶ Kaleidoscopic novelty by Fabergé's first-ever featured designer, James Ganh. *Tanzanite Transformable brooch* by **Fabergé x James Ganh**, price upon request; faberge.com.

