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Gemstone Color Profiles

Bright Blue Gems Mirror Heavenly Spring Skies

Beautiful sky blue is one of the most classic of colors. This clear, light blue has been a favorite of artists, poets, playwrights, and song lyricists for centuries. But blue comes in dozens of dazzling light and dark tints and tones which you'll find in the brilliant blue gemstones listed here. And many of them are surprisingly affordable.

Sapphire. The most famous of all blue gems. Beautifully transparent with a rich, velvety, deep blue color. Very durable and sparkling. Only diamond is harder.

Turquoise. Treasured since ancient times, this opaque sky-blue gem has a smooth, waxy surface and because of its beautiful blue color, has traditionally been regarded as the "sky" stone.

Blue Tourmaline. Called "indicolite," this moderately priced gemstone has a bright sparkle and an intense blue color ranging

from light to dark. Very durable in all types of jewelry.

Iolite. Not very well known, this lovely, transparent, deep violet-blue gem is known as "water sapphire" and is quite inexpensive.

Resembles both sapphire and tanzanite.

Blue Eyris Pearls. These brilliant blue iridescent abalone mabe and blister pearls are found only in New Zealand. They're available in round and pear shapes in sizes from 7mm to 16mm.

Blue Topaz. This hard, bright and sparkling gem ranges in color from deep blue to light blue-green. It's very popular today and takes polishing beautifully. Reasonably priced.

Tanzanite. A variety of the mineral zoisite, this reasonably priced, transparent gem has a totally unique blue-purple color. Named by Tiffany in 1969, it is only found near Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa.



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