



## Diamonds Direct From Antwerp, Belgium

### *Diamond Capital of the World.*

This Spring our Diamond buying trip to Antwerp exceeded even our own high expectations. Many of our customers asked us to act as their personal Diamond Broker, which actually added to our volume and our ability to get the finest diamonds at the very lowest prices.

Now it's your turn to share the wealth. We have diamonds, both loose and mounted in the latest and finest settings. But you can't appreciate this opportunity unless you see for yourself. For a limited time (until they are gone), if you would like to own a magnificent diamond handpicked in Antwerp, Belgium and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime savings, visit us today!

*Apa Yessayan*

### *Jewelry Profile*

## Classic Cameos – A Favorite With Women Everywhere

**T**wo-color cameos are one of the most enduring items of personal adornment. They have been prized as beautiful art miniatures since early Greek and Roman times as well as during the Victorian era and are enjoying renewed popularity today. They provide an interesting alternative to jewelry set with gems and plain metal jewelry. Also, cameos are very versatile and can be worn as pins, pendants, earrings, and bracelets.

Cameos traditionally are carved in relief from shells, lava, or from gemstones composed of two different colored layers, usually agate or quartz.

Stones such as black onyx, brown sardonyx, and red carnelian with a white upper layer are popular. Other colors such as blue and green are produced by dying, an ancient process used since Roman times.

In addition, assembled cameos are made by cementing two natural stones together, with one stone carved and the other serving as a background. Wedgwood cameos are similar but are made of white and colored porcelain.

Originally hand carved, most cameos today are sculptured with electric engraving, ultrasonic, or laser tools allowing for nearly photographic cameos of people or pets.



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