

# JEWELRY Q & A

## What Are Hearts And Arrows?

These light-reflection patterns can be seen in a perfectly cut round diamond when viewed through a special magnifying glass. Hearts appear when the diamond is viewed through the pavilion or bottom. Arrows are shown when viewed through the table or top.

## What Is Aqua Regia?

Aqua Regia is Latin for "royal water." It is the only liquid that has the power to dissolve gold, which is one of the noble metals. It is a heated mixture of 25% nitric acid and 75% hydrochloric acid.

## What Is Engine Turning?

This special kind of mechanical patterning produces delicate waves or sunray effects. Also called "guilloché," these designs are often shown beneath the surface of transparent colored enamels and were used extensively in beautiful jewelry by Fabergé.

## Spring Forecast

# Fabergé-Style Eggs – A Colorful Seasonal Delight

For centuries, brightly colored eggs have been given as gifts to symbolize the new life that occurs in nature each spring. But between 1885 and 1917 a new tradition began when goldsmith Carl Fabergé created magnificent gem-encrusted eggs for the Empress of Russia which are valued at millions of dollars today.

Fabergé also made miniature eggs, some no larger than jelly beans, and these miniature eggs became very popular gifts. That miniature tradition continues today with a series of hand-made sterling silver Fabergé-style eggs which are available at surprisingly modest cost.

Each egg is a work of art, hand

made by Russian craftsmen in the tradition of Carl Fabergé. Eggs have filigree patterns decorated with 24K gold gilt and vivid multicolor baked enamels. Many are accented with colored gems such as garnet, onyx, lapis, turquoise, amber, and rose quartz. Also, some colorful eggs actually open to reveal tiny sculptures inside such as angels, rabbits, ladybugs, and many other objects.

These fabulous eggs can be worn as pendants, locket, earrings, or on necklaces and bracelets all year round. And there are dozens of beautiful designs from which to choose.



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