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A Case Of The Blues: December's Birthstone

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The month of December claims three gems in different shades of blue as its birthstones: turquoise (the happy blue), tanzanite (the magical purplish blue) and zircon (the regal blue). While all are beautiful in their own right, turquoise is the gem that is a favorite among antique aficionados, vintage devotees and modern jewelry lovers. Its history read ([here](#) and [here](#)) as well as its ability to brighten up all types of fashion and designers and jewelers' ongoing fascination with the gem from ancient through modern times, continues to create a strong following of collectors. Its connection to luck and protection also adds to its allure. There was a time when the jewelry industry dictated that one should only wear turquoise in warm weather months or climates, but as fashion gave up its rules on not wearing white before Memorial Day or after Labor so did the jewelry industry's directive. I can joyously say it is a stone for all times of the year and if you are a December baby, all the more reason to wear turquoise. Modern designers have created styles that run the gamut from chic and bohemian to soulful to timelessly glamorous. The antique pieces reveal the symbolism that dates back to the Victorian era.

Here are modern, antique and vintage turquoise pieces from which to choose, with many of the contemporary pieces based on motifs and symbolism of the past:

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REZA's 18K white gold Farandole front-facing hoop earrings with turquoise and diamonds.



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Storrow's Large Alana turquoise heart ring with diamond surround.



Jenny Dee's 18K yellow gold turquoise stud earrings with ruby accents.

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