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# Holiday Gift Guide: The Best Men's And Unisex Jewelry

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Genderless jewelry has been gaining popularity in recent years, as men and women alike explore self-expression through adornment. Typically more minimalist in form, some designers are now whipping up a storm with gender-fluid jewelry including subtle pearl and gemstone embellishment. For last-minute Christmas shopping, here are seven independent brands who will have just the gift for the man - or woman - who has everything. Because isn't there always room in a collection a diamond pavé toggle necklace?

### Ouie

Dover Street Market newcomer Ouie reimagines everyday objects as sleek jewelry designed to be worn by everyone. From the perfect chunky chain, based on a link inspired by the traditional keyring loop, to ruby rings encased in miniature outdoor lighting cages, designer Louie Cresswell has hit the sweet spot for contemporary, unisex jewelry. His first ever piece, above, is the ultimate in elevating the everyday: a fully working hoodie string toggle, handcrafted in London from recycled gold and dusted with diamonds, to be worn on Japanese silk cord around wrists, layered on necks or even to lace up sneakers.



Menotte R15 bracelet by Dinh Van, platinum, \$5,540 DINH VAN

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### Dinh Van

Parisian jewelry house Dinh Van's storied history plays out in beautifully minimalist jewelry rooted in the aesthetic of the 1960s. As Yves Saint Laurent and Pierre Cardin were redefining fashion for a new era, Cartier alumni Jean Dinh Van was starting his own jewelry house. Now, like then, the brand perfectly captures the kind of low-key luxury that whispers rather than shouts, and the Dinh Van handcuff bracelet has become a marker of Paris style.

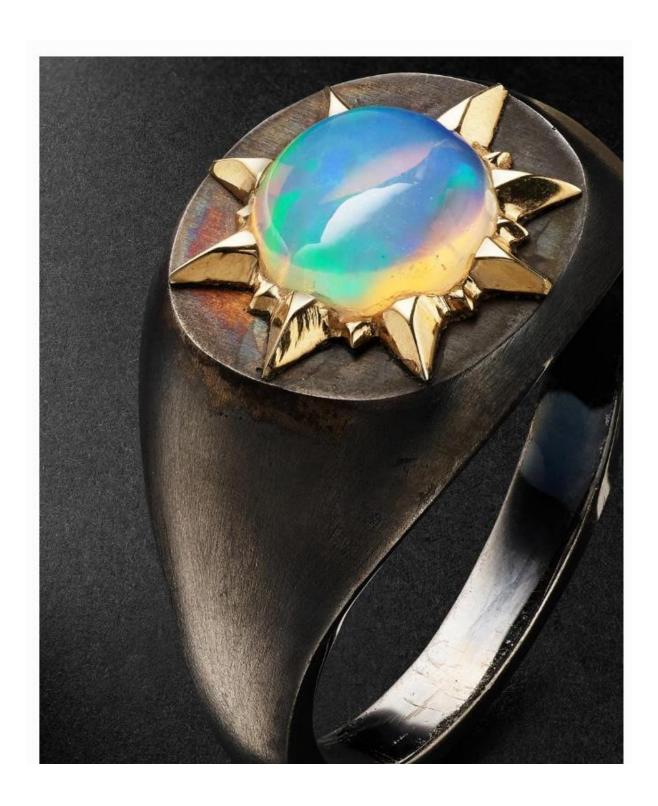
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## Jenny Dee x Mr Porter

Jenny Dee has brought her rock aesthetic to men's jewelry for the first time, with a well-received capsule exclusively designed for Mr. Porter. Inspired by psychedelia, Jimmy Hendrix and Pink Floyd, the designer plays with dark and light, to symbolize yin and yang, with the bright shine of pale opals and diamonds against oxidized silver and midnight blue titanium. Key motifs from her core collection are all there, like the guitar pick mandala, and each piece is designed as a protective talisman.