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Why wear ordinary jewelry? Here's where to buy beautiful pieces that catch the eye—from imaginative necklaces and rings made by local artists to exotic gems crafted in far-off lands.

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One-of-a-Kind Pieces *By* ALCYIA KILPATRICK

Searching for something unique? Consider jewelry designed by artists who don't mass-produce their work and often make things by hand.

To find artist-made pieces, try these shops, galleries, and local designers.

**Alla Rogers Gallery**, 1054 31st St., Georgetown; 202-333-8595; [allarogers.com](http://allarogers.com). Visit this gallery for striking designs by Kiev-born jewelry artist Masha Archer. Each piece is one-of-a-kind and created from interesting materials from different cultures—think antique jade, a Burmese coin from the 1920s, Naga shell, Dutch trading beads, iridescent milk glass. Dramatic necklaces are a standout. Celebrities like Beyoncé Knowles, Jennifer Love Hewitt, and Joan Collins are fans. Prices typically range from \$600 to \$1,700, but there are earrings for \$165.

**lyrejewelry.com**. After she started taking jewelry-making classes five years ago, Alyssa Reiner switched from lawyer to jewelry designer. She works with 18-karat yellow gold and colored gemstones, usually tourmaline, to make striking rings and delicate circle earrings. Her main influence is classical architecture. Prices run from \$1,000 to \$5,000; call for an appointment.

**Andrea Haffner**, Northwest DC; 202-328-1340; [jewelry.andreahaffner.com](http://jewelry.andreahaffner.com). Andrea Haffner uses natural materials to create lovely pendants and pins. Delicate specimens like dried flowers, seeds, or leaves are cast into resin and framed with 18-karat gold, pink gold, or sterling silver. Silver pieces are priced from \$48 to \$76, gold from \$350 to \$860. Wear your pendant on a simple satin cord or choose a matching gold or silver necklace (\$10 to \$275). You can find Haffner's work at the Phillips Collection's museum shop (1600 21st St., NW; 202-387-2151); 52 O Street Studios (52 O St., NW, No. 308); and on select weekends at Eastern Market (Seventh St. between North Carolina Ave. and C St., SE). She also meets clients by appointment at her studio.

**Appalachian Spring**, Georgetown, 202-337-5780; Union Station, 202-682-0505; Reston Town Center, 703-478-2218; Congressional Plaza, 301-230-



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