

CONTAIN YOURSELF

Where's the best place to keep what's precious to you: a string of pearls, golden rings, your I-was-there ticket stub from that unforgettable concert? In boxes large or small, bright or pale, crafted of everything from colored leather to cork, porcelain to carved cinnabar. They're jewels in their own right.

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A JEWELRY BOX

can be more than a big, boring, velvet-lined job with gold curlicues on top. An exotic alternative: this foot-wide Korean pine chest with hand-painted lining. Heap it with pieces you love. Chest, \$150, Jacques Carcanagues. *On lid, from left:* Quartz necklaces, \$30 each, and yellow beads, \$28, Leekan. Reinstein/Ross gold gemstone rings, Barneys New York. Paisley pendant necklace, Lila. Enamel cuff and pearl-and-gemstone pendant necklace, James Robinson. Green earrings, Ted Muehling. *In chest, from left:* Tahitian pearl-and-citrine bracelet, Lila. Clothier dragonfly pin, Bergdorf Goodman. Bead necklace, \$40, Craft Caravan. Amethyst necklace, \$533, Leekan. Mark Davis rosewood-and-rhinestone bracelet, Bergdorf Goodman. Gold bracelet, Craft Caravan. Enamel-and-gold bracelets, James Robinson. Gray pearl-and-ruby necklace, Mish. Lucifer Vir Honestus large quartz ring, Barneys New York. Violet bead necklace, \$275, Emma & Me. Reinstein/Ross gold ring with multicolored sapphires, Barneys New York. Mixed-gem necklace, Lila. Mixed-sapphire bracelet with gold beads, Lila. Multistrand glass bead necklaces, \$35 each, Craft Caravan.

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Forthright, sporty women like **BRIGHT**

WHERE IS THAT NECKLACE, ANYWAY?

With brilliant crystals making news, you can key your beads to your boxes. Pack everything into a collection of topstitched leather cases—like miniature luggage for your jewelry—or keep a single pair of earrings in a porcelain seedpod or a carved box. *From top:* Seedpod, \$35, Breukelen. Leather boxes (from \$32 to \$102), Lafco. M+J Savitt smoky topaz necklace, \$375, Bergdorf Goodman. Carved cinnabar box, \$18, Asia Society. Wood box with flexible leather top, \$540, Hermès. Julie Baker gold necklace with peridot briolettes, Barneys New York.

leather cases; minimalists pare down to simple, stackable trays.



ALL THE RAJ these days: hot-pink and curry, gold galore. Stow your loot in linen-covered trays to stack or stash in a closet or drawer. Trays, Talas. *Top row, from left:* Earrings (on bowl edge), Mallery Marks. Ruby earrings (on ribbon), \$900, Mish. Turquoise pin, \$500, Ted Muehling. Stainless steel watch, \$795, Raymond Weil. Opal necklace, \$350, Craft Caravan. Watch, Hermès. *Middle row, from left:* Puermpi Rhuandan glass beads, \$110, Craft Caravan. Pendant necklace, \$300, Emma & Me. Faux-amethyst necklace, \$765, Cristina Ferrare. *Bottom row, from left:* Small-gemstone rings, Mish. Diamond rings, from \$400, Mia & Lizzie. Large-gemstone rings, Barneys New York. Rings (on ribbon), Di Modolo. Yossi gold-strand bracelet, Bergdorf Goodman. Buckle bracelet and link bracelet, James Robinson.



A NATURALIST

would love this arrangement's organic overtones—the egg shapes, butterflies, and beetles. Wood and cork boxes have a Shaker-style simplicity that's profoundly restful; trust them with your least ornate, most unaffected jewelry—the kind that looks as if it were found rather than made. *Clockwise from top left:* Wood and glass egg boxes (from a set of five), Hermès. Gold-and-topaz rings, Bulgari. Lucite box, \$30, Room. M+J Savitt crystal quartz necklace, \$375, and aquamarine lariat, \$740, Bergdorf Goodman. Hand-painted porcelain box, \$350, Ted Muehling. Cork box, \$72, Asiaphile. Round wood-and-leather box, \$485, Hermès.

Who knew storage could be so **SEXY?**

The secret: voluptuous textures that range from shaggy to grassy to grainy. Feel them as you pass.

SOMETHING WILD is captured in these boxes. Like a single flower in a tiny vase, they carry color, texture, and a certain vulnerability to the indoor world. Yet they also make a highly civilized setting for turquoise and opal (blue stones are red-hot this spring). *Clockwise from top left:* Vase, \$25, In the Market. Rudi Rabitti topstitched leather box, \$125, Kate's Paperie. Necklace of chalcedony and rose quartz, Wendy Brigode at Fragments. Ponyskin box, Green. Faux-ivory box, \$155, Takashimaya. Turquoise necklace, \$375, Jane Diaz at Fragments. Peruvian opal earrings, Ted Muehling. Sea grass-covered box, \$54, Asiaphile. Shagreen box, \$110, Takashimaya. Pearl ring, \$650, Tasaki.



Tap into your **NESTING** instinct by tucking your jewels inside exotic boxes.

WHAT'S CHIC: SHAGREEN—untanned leather with a great grainy texture, used here on stackable storage (terrific if you're pressed for space). Vivid resin brings rich color to the mix; a tiny ceramic dish is just right for glamorous pearls. *Clockwise from top:* Round resin box, \$40, DKNY. Seed-pearl multistrand pendant necklace, Laura Cardillo at Fragments. Small white and large gray shagreen stacking boxes, Armani Casa. Ceramic dish, \$20, Asia Society. Baroque pearl necklace, Gabrielle Sanchez at Apropos. Leo Schacter diamond-and-platinum bracelet and solitaire necklace, Jared.





A GILT COMPLEX can be very becoming, if it means you're sold on gold. Right now there's a rush on this precious metal; the idea is to play down its rich-and-fancy associations, play up its warmth and staying power. Stash it in a box that's a lot ritzier than Fort Knox. Shagreen box (lid shown), \$320, Troy. *Clockwise from top:* Gurhan 24kt-gold bracelet with sapphires, Jessica Rose seed-pearl bracelet, John Iverson 18kt-gold ginkgo-leaf pin, and Gurhan 24kt-gold necklace with sapphires, Takashimaya. South Sea—pearl drop earrings, David Morris. Kazuko Co. pyrite pendant in 18kt gold, \$650, Barneys New York. Jessica Rose spiky bracelet, Takashimaya. Rose quartz necklace, \$47, Leekan. Helena Rohner vermeil bangle, \$255, and gold-plated signet ring, \$175, Troy. Hoop earrings in 22kt gold, \$350, Craft Caravan. 18kt-gold rings, \$320 each, Links of London. *For details see Shop Guide.*