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Art of Couture

The pinnacle of fashion creativity, the spring couture shows in Paris stirred the imagination with their blend of mystery, craftsmanship - and sheer beauty.



**Jean Paul
Gaultier,
An Original**

Playing Mr. Dior

**Gen Alpha
Skin Care**

Small Time



Gem Garden

Highlights from Haute Joaillerie debuts.

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Nature's bounty of flora, fauna and fantastical phenomena continued to nourish the collections of high jewelers and had them humming with ideas.

Northern Lights at David Morris, southern Africa's magnificent wildlife with De Beers or delicate leafy branches as apple as emblematic for Boucheron were among the directions explored.

Gemstone care or repurposed were also a focus here, ranging from the exceptional Mosaic-style rubies of Graff and black opals at Dior to Louis Vuitton's Umbra sapphires and two takes on turquoise seen in designs by Cartier and independent jeweler Lydia Courrelle.

For Koorner, the summers sourced from dormant woods that date back decades became the principal subject of the Frame line, reinterpreting the idea of a halo with a graphic band of lacquer and diamonds.

Juicy and colorful gemstones were also prominent throughout the High Jewelry season, with examples including the blooming floral cluster that was showcased by sapphire specialist Avani Paris. Throughout, transformation continued to be a winning feature for investment pieces that paid off. — Lily Tompkins

Cartier Le Voyage Reimagines scalloped jewelry necklines in patterns with turquoise, coral, amethyst and diamonds.



Boucheron The Power of Couture Brooches paved with diamonds in white gold.

De Beers Forces of Nature Kudu Crown diamond ring.

Boucheron Frame ring with pink tourmaline, orange sapphire and diamonds.



Dior Fine Jewelry Colored center gems with white gold, diamonds and black opals framed with delicate diamond borders.



Maison Avani by Avani Paris Needle necklace in white gold, rose gold and yellow gold with yellow sapphires emerald cut, yellow sapphire cushion cut, blue sapphires, pink sapphires, malachite, opals and feathers.

Lydia Courrelle Reimagines rings in rose gold with sapphires, yellow and orange sapphires, sapphire, ruby, turquoise and enamel.



Dior D'Or Mosaic-style ruby earrings with multi-shape white diamonds, set in white gold.



David Morris Barber's cut in 18-carat white gold with black sapphires, F-color tourmaline and white diamonds.

