

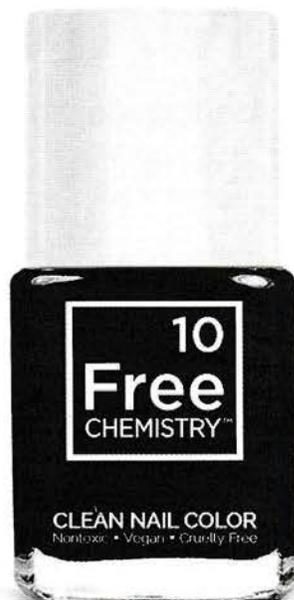
# NAIL *a modern look*

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COCKTAIL RINGS AND POLISH  
MAKE THE **PERFECT PAIR**

**T**HE COCKTAIL RING was first embraced by rebellious women in speakeasies during Prohibition. Flappers wore the attention-grabbing jewels on the hand they held their drink with, as a way of flaunting their defiance. Jump to 2020, when the accessories are again a hot trend. Any of these bold baubles are sure to make a stylish statement at your next soiree — especially when paired with the perfect nail polish.



#### CONCIERGE DIAMONDS FLORAL COCKTAIL RING

This stunner is made of 14k white gold embellished with a sprinkling of diamonds (.56 total carat weight) embedded in the bloom's petals.

\$1,950, [conciergediamonds.com](http://conciergediamonds.com)

Pair it with: 10+ Free Total Eclipse. Inky black hits the right note of cool sophistication next to bright white diamonds. Plus, this 85% natural nail enamel moisturizes nails. \$18, [10freechemistry.com](http://10freechemistry.com)



**STERLING FOREVER BAGUETTE ETERNITY RING**

Made of sterling silver and cubic zirconia, this elegant band can be rocked alone or stacked. We love the vibrant fuschia, shown, but other colors are available.

\$114, [sterlingforever.com](http://sterlingforever.com)

Pair it with: OPI Hue is The Artist. This ultra-pale blush, from the new Mexico City collection, is the ideal backdrop for these gorgeous stones. \$10.49 at CVS, Target and Ulta stores.

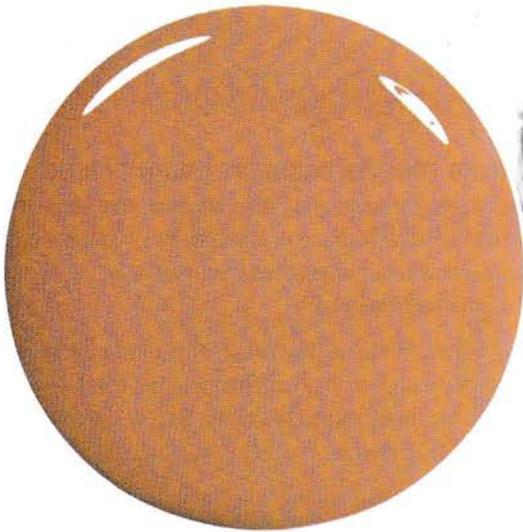


**FREIDA ROTHMAN MIDNIGHT PAVE COCKTAIL RING**

A dazzling piece, this Freida Rothman design is embellished with her signature gold clovers on each side. All the stones are set by hand. \$250 at SVS Fine Jewelers in Oceanside, Nordstrom stores and [freidarothman.com](http://freidarothman.com)

Pair it with: JinSoon HyperGloss Top Coat. Let this detailed and lovely ring take center stage with a clear nail. The gel-like shiny finish blocks UV rays, and is infused with biotin to strengthen brittle nails. \$20, [jinsoon.com](http://jinsoon.com)





**KONSTANTINO PEARL COCKTAIL RING**

This sterling silver and 18k gold creation, made in Athens, Greece, bedazzles with classic flair. \$610, [konstantino.com](http://konstantino.com)

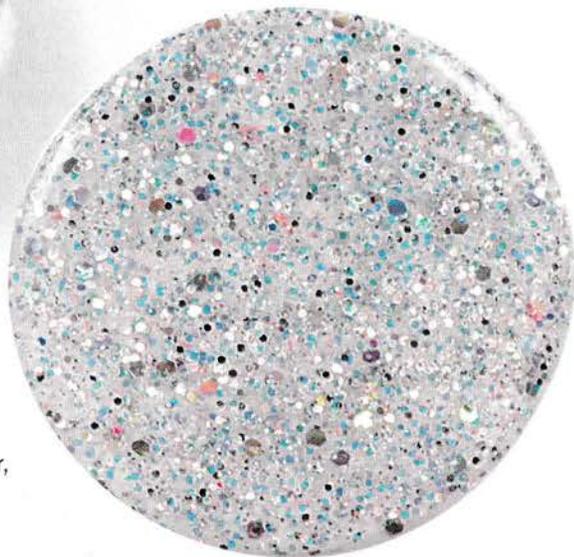
Pair it with: Expressie by Essie Saffr-on the Move, a tawny neutral that sets off the silver and gold setting. It's super fast drying, and the brush is angled to cover nails in two strokes. \$9 at CVS, Walgreens and Ulta stores.



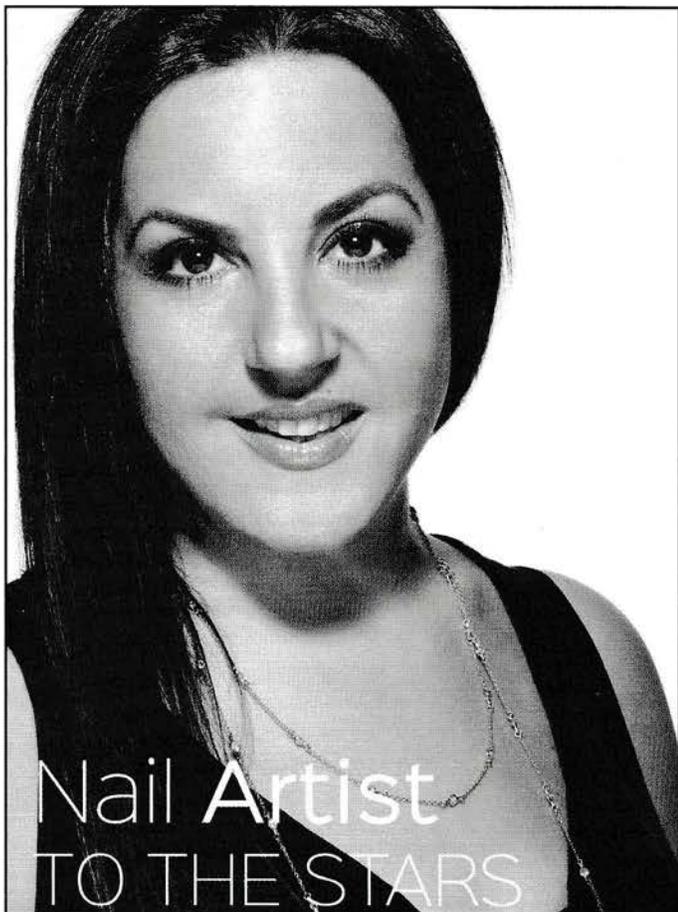
**TOUCHSTONE CRYSTAL  
BY SWAROVSKI TANZANITE RING**

This striking orchid-hued statement ring is rhodium plated. Completely handmade, it sparkles for days. \$49, [touchstonecrystal.com](http://touchstonecrystal.com)

Pair it with: JinSoon Mirror Mirror, a silver-rainbow glitter, the perfect foil to this dramatic ring. It's part of a four-piece set. \$42, [jinsoon.com](http://jinsoon.com)



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## Nail Artist TO THE STARS

Celebrity nail artist and lifelong Freeport resident Elle (Instagram @enamelle) makes a living perfecting the fingertips of A-list stars like J.Lo, Angelina Jolie, Blake Lively and Mariah Carey. We tracked her down and tapped her insider perspective.

*Where do the hot hues and designs come from?*

Usually, the runways, fashion houses and the Pantone color of the year [2020's is Classic Blue] dictate the color stories each season. My clients also now see Instagram as inspiration for their personal style, like a reference.

*What are your go-to looks?*

Classic colors — nudes, elegant reds and a chic dark nail are forever in style.

*How do we pick a polish to wear with a statement ring or bracelet?*

It's always cool to contrast colors or mix up textures — a matte mani with a shiny gold or silver piece, or a metallic enamel with stones.

*What's the best way to keep chips at bay?*

Polish flakes faster when nails aren't healthy, so always swipe on a nail primer first.

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