

ROSE QUARTZ

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Lily of the Valley Muguet
rose quartz necklace in
white and red gold with
diamonds, LALIQUE



LOVE STONE

THE ROSE QUARTZ EVOKES BEAUTY AND ROMANCE

Known as the stone of unconditional love, the rose quartz is said to give off calming energy and a sense of inner peace. It evokes beauty and romance, allowing

oneself to be open for love. Also referred to by many as “pink quartz”, its colour ranges from very pale pink to rose red due to the varying amounts of titanium, iron, or manganese. Mostly opaque, the rose quartz’s colour often appears milky, cloudy, or hazy, which deepens the shade and lends a slight adularescence effect, best described as a milky lustre or glow originating from below the surface of the gemstone.

Apart from its use in jewellery, the rose quartz is also a very attractive ornamental stone, and is frequently carved into figurines and ornate statues. With its soothing quality, this tranquil gemstone suits most people’s personalities, said to encourage sensitivity, compassion, and trust. Stripping away all negativity, the stone enhances self-love and self-worth, as one is said to love himself first in order to receive love from others.

First records of the rose quartz date back to 7000 BC in Mesopotamia. Ancient Roman, Egyptian, and Greek civilisations are believed to have used quartz crystals as potent talismans to signify ownership.

The stone is also known for its beautification and anti-ageing powers, as facial masks containing rose quartz have been recovered from Egyptian tombs. Egyptians and Romans believed the stone helped to clear the complexion and prevent wrinkles.

Coming back to 21st Century, the rose quartz was mostly used in semi-precious jewellery due to the stones’ abundant

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT
Rose quartz drop earrings with emerald leaves, FARAH KHAN

Rose quartz drop earrings with pear-shaped Malayan Garnets in 18K rose gold, LA PUTRI

Rose Dior Pre Catelan
rose quartz ring, DIOR

Ring with rose quartz and brown diamonds, HAUSMANN & CO

Earrings with freshwater pearls, diamonds, and rose quartz in 18K rose gold, YOKO LONDON



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supply. But with Pantone announcing rose quartz as one of two Pantone *Colours of the Year 2016*, along with the lilac-flavoured *Serenity*, the jewellery fraternity suddenly took notice. With the whole fashion world leaning towards soft, pastel shades once again, the rose quartz was back on trend. Easy on the eyes, it reminds us of soft winter mornings when set in rose gold, like the pieces in the Rose Dior Pré Catelan collection, where delicate carved rose quartz rose flowers make for charming rings and pendants. Carved rose quartz has been an instant inspiration for many, including the *Lily of the Valley* floral pendant by Lalique.

Rose quartz is easy to pair with other gemstones, as evidenced by the pink pearl earrings with rose quartz by Yoko London. It also makes for an interesting jewellery when paired with earth colours, such as the stunning Hausmann & Co.

THE ROSE QUARTZ'S COLOURS RANGE FROM VERY PALE PINK TO ROSE RED



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT
Lily of the Valley Muguet rose quartz earrings in white and red gold with diamonds, LALIQUE

Paloma's Sugar Stack rings, TIFFANY & CO.

18K rose gold pendant, with diamond, rose quartz, and Brazilian pink tourmaline, BRUMANI

Earrings in rose gold set with white and brown diamonds, mother of pearl and pink quartz, MORAGLIONE

WITH ITS SOOTHING
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GEMSTONE IS FONDLY
CALLED THE 'LOVE STONE'

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TOP LEFT

Rose Dior Pre Catelan
rose quartz pendant,
DIOR

Pavone necklace
with rose quartz and
diamonds in rose gold,
SETTE

Pendant in rose gold
with white and brown
diamonds, mother of
pearl and rose quartz,
MORAGLIONE

18K rose gold earrings
with diamonds, rose
quartz, and Brazilian
pink tourmaline,
BRUMANI

Rose quartz earrings
with pink sapphires and
diamonds in 18K rose
and white gold,
LA PUTRI

Rose Dior Pre Catelan
rose quartz ring, DIOR

ring studded with brown diamonds, or
the lustrous earrings from Italian brand
Moraglione, where rose quartz cabochons
are paired with dark brown mother of
pearl cabochons.

With Mohs hardness scale at 7, and
due to its opaque colour, rose quartz
is mostly cut in cabochons, beads, and
drops. Only the few clear ones make it
to faceted cuts. While Farah Khan and
La Putri explore rose quartz drops for
earrings, Tiffany & Co.'s Paloma Picasso
features sugar loaf-cut for her famous
sugar stack rings.

Although found in Madagascar, India,
Germany, South Africa, and several parts
of the USA, most of the world's supply
of good quality rose quartz come from
Brazil. Native jewellery brand Brumani's
Baobab collection celebrates the home-
sourced rose quartz with large cabochon-
centred jewellery pieces surrounded by
Brazilian pink tourmalines and diamonds
in rose gold. 💎