

Creating that individual look with the jewellery you wear has never been so popular. Be it mixing and matching pieces from your own collection, adding charms or beads to a bracelet, or a unique insert into a pendant or locket, it is all about creating a look that makes you feel good. It doesn't matter if you are dressing up or dressing down.

## Tips on creating that look

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1. You can create your look by mixing from your own collection and blending these with additional pieces.
2. The current trend is for long necklaces, multiple bracelets and bangles creating a layered look.
3. Try experimenting by introducing different metals and colours to complete the look; for example rose and yellow gold is often complimented with silver. There are lots of rose colour bracelets available, Hot Diamonds have introduced a new 'Stargazer' collection this year using rose plated with silver.
4. This mixing of colours has been embraced by designers like Dower and Hall and is consequently influencing not only the way jewellery is worn, but also how it is displayed.
5. We are finding leather bracelets and necklaces are popular with both men and women alike. The leather cords are threaded with metal or glass beads or hung with a silver pendant making an interesting combination.
6. Geometric shapes and patterns are very much in this season, with Dower and Hall again using this to great effect in their jewel collection. Their colourful faceted chequerboard and harlequin cut stones are used to dramatic effect in their 'Jewel' collection.



Vermeil earrings set with 10mm amethyst stones £90



Vermeil bracelet using rock crystal, lemon quartz, rose and smokey quartz £195



Silver and Amethyst bracelet £85



Bi-colour Rice bracelet £165



Silver bracelet using rock crystal, lemon quartz, amethyst and chalcedony £145

7. I think we all love the original charm bracelet which most of us have been given as a child or inherited from our parents. Who would have thought that this concept would have been developed by Søren Nielsen from Trollbeads to start the fashion for interchangeable bead bracelets!

*My daughter, who is now at university, really has an eye for mixing and matching and creating layers with selections of subtle and well chosen colours. She seems to do this naturally with her clothes as well as her Jewellery.*

9. It's worth taking a look at the interchangeable pendant concept, that is another clever idea which involves being able to change the centre discs. My iMenso have some great ideas with the single discs prices starting from £9.
10. Troll beads cleverly change your look, with beads made from gold, silver and the finest Italian Murano Glass. With new beads unveiled every season and exciting limited editions available now, there's no excuse not to treat yourself and stay on trend.

8. I have re-invented my charm bracelet by taking off most of the charms replacing them with new ones including one special charm that hangs from a chain. This has completely transformed the look.



mixed colour bangles from £48



Trollbeads bangles



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