

Star Power

Where do you think the most influential catwalk for showcasing jewelry is located? You might believe it's Milan, Paris or New York, but, in reality, look closer—at your television, that is, and pay special attention to the entertainment award shows.

At the Emmy's, SAG's, Oscar's, Tony's, Golden Globe's and BAFTA's, celebrities strut the red carpet flaunting the latest bangles and fueling the year's trends. What's hot this year? Everyone who's anyone sports dangling earrings—especially drop and chandelier earrings; sparkling wrists—lots of diamond cuff and line bracelets; and vintage designs such as Art Deco. "What we're seeing is a look that's more natural," said jeweler Fred Leighton, who notes that this season hair is shorter so jewelry is less ornate and long earrings are dominant.

To determine the right look, start by choosing jewelry that corresponds to your personal style. If it feels good, you'll look good. So select pieces from the trends you like best—bracelets piled on, long earrings, vintage looks, or pendants.

Vintage jewelry—a huge trend this year—encourages your individuality. Imitate Jolene Binoche's Oscar night ensemble—reminiscent of Coco Chanel in the 1920s—with short, slicked-down hair and ropes upon ropes of pearls. Antique brooches can also jazz up contemporary outfits—and great pins are showing up everywhere. Jennifer Lopez accentuated the shoulder of her white Golden Globes' silk dress with a Fred Leighton fan brooch.



The stars often wear jewelry in a very modern way. Academy Award Nominee, Laura Linney, had tiny brooches sewn into her dress for the Golden Globes—as did actress Alison Janney of the television series "West Wing." At the Golden Globes America's sweetheart, Sandra Bullock, opted for a large, Harry Winston D-Flawless diamond pendant, but incorporated her own

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Above: Ashley Judd wears vintage jewels from Fred Leighton to Academy Awards. Right: Angela Bassette in diamond drop earrings and diamond collar from Chaumet.

Opposite, left: Sandra Bullock in a Harry Winston diamond dangling from a black cord. Opposite, right: Jennifer Lopez wears a fan brooch from Fred Leighton clipped to her shoulder.

personality into the glamorous jewel by mixing it with a more contemporary element—a long, black cord. Edie Falco star of the HBO series *The Sopranos* was stunning in a classic Stephen Russell platinum deco bracelet.

This season pendants are hot, whether hanging from a cord or a simple chain; they have a clean, beckoning look as they dangle over décolletage. Pendants were seen on celebs walking the red carpet, a change from the more elaborate necklaces seen in the last few years.

One easy to imitate look is Hilary Swank's from the BAFTA Awards—a little Asprey & Garrard diamond line bracelet and small, round diamond solitaire earrings. A big trend today is to wear several diamond line bracelets at once, like Ellen Burstyn did during the Golden Globes. You can also try stacking bracelets made out of less expensive stones in fashion colors such as pink tourmaline, blue aquamarine and green peridot.

So go on, take what you've seen on the red carpet this year and make it your own. ♦

