



Roger Dery Gem Design



Roger's Favorite Gem...Ever

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Throughout history, from the widely regarded Kashmir sapphires to Princess Diana's engagement ring, Sapphire has long held a special place in the world; it has a way of bringing the cycle of life full circle.

"Sapphire is the ultimate paradox: it is practical for everyday wear while exhibiting a truly uncommon beauty and leaving a timeless impression on viewers that has enamored humans for centuries." - Roger



Sapphire, the mineral Corundum, is the result of volcanic action pushing the minerals to the surface of the earth, where it leaves them on mountain peaks. Through erosion, they're carried down into riverbeds; today men venture into muddy riverbanks and carry up baskets of gravel in search of one of the world's most precious elements.



Ratnapura, Sri Lanka

In Sri Lanka, still known as Ceylon, we often tour sapphire mines that are underneath fields of rice paddies, manned by locals who double as farmers and miners, blessed by the existence of two sources of income on one area of land.



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For both the miner and the wearer, Sapphire seems to have a certain lure and attraction that no other stone seems to match. Sapphire's physical and optical properties allow faceters to make very sharp facet junctions, which combined with its other characteristics, gives it an almost supernatural display of tiny pinpoints of light that perform a different dance every time you look.

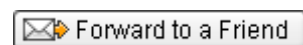
In case you were wondering, Roger's favorite sapphires come from Sri Lanka, in the sort of deep, rich cornflower blue that you see below.



6.33ct Ceylon Sapphire

Hint, Sapphire is the September birthstone and the gemstone for the 5th and 45th wedding anniversaries.

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