



A birthstone is a gem whose vibrarion harmonizes with a person's sun sign. Although today we wear gems primarily for decorative purposes, our ancestors chose gemstones to influence an individual's astrological characteristics. Gems, they believed, could strengthen weaknesses or tone down excesses in a person's natal makeup.

Don't choose a birthstone based on the calendar month in which you were born, however—go by the astrological sign instead. Each sign straddles two months. Aquarius, for example, begins on about January 20 and ends around February 18. Astrologers consider the garnet Aquarius's sign, but jewelers who don't understand astrology usually link garnets with January and amethysts with February. Amethyst, astrologers argue, belongs to the zodiac sign Pisces.

As you can see in the following lists, each planet and each sign relates to more than one gem. The correspondences are based on energetic properties, colors, and other factors. Aries, a sign known for its aggressive and daring nature, is linked with bloodstone, a gem used by Roman soldiers for protection. Moonstone relates to the sign Cancer, which is ruled by the moon.

Some stones may possess the qualities of more than one sign and therefore have affinities with others, as is the case with aquamarine. Stones that come in many colors, such as agates, are usually associated with the planet(s) and signs(s) that govern their colors.

Today, as in the past, we can use gemstones to attract things we desire and to repel or prevent things we don't want to interfere in our lives.

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Gemstones & the Planets

SUN: golden topaz, tiger's eye, carnelian, citrine, ruby, yellow sapphire

MOON: pearl, moonstone, snow/milk quartz, calcite, chalcedony

MERCURY: fluorite, green tourmaline, larimar, blue lace agate

VENUS: rose quartz, jade, turquoise, morganite, malachite, chrysoprase

MARS: carnelian, red sardonyx, red agate, garnet, ruby

JUPITER: turquoise, aventurine, star sapphire

SATURN: onyx, jet, malachite, brown jasper, black tourmaline, obsidian, hematite

URANUS: garnet, zircon, ruby in zoisite

 $\label{eq:NEPTUNE: aquamarine, sapphire, amethyst} \textbf{NEPTUNE: aquamarine, sapphire, amethyst}$

PLUTO: bloodstone, obsidian, smoky quartz, nebula stone







Gemstones & Zodíac Signs

ARIES: diamond, bloodstone, red agate, carnelian, red sardonyx

TAURUS: emerald, jade, turquoise, aventurine, chrysoprase

GEMINI: aquamarine, clear quartz, fluorite, citrine, laramar

CANCER: pearl, moonstone, snow/milk quartz, chalcedony

LEO: ruby, amber, tiger's eye, carnelian, golden topaz

VIRGO: peridot, moss agate, fluorite, sardonyx, green tourmaline

LIBRA: rose quartz, opal, jade, morganite, lapis lazuli

SCORPIO: smoky quartz, lodestone, black opal, labradorite

SAGITTARIUS: turquoise, topaz, aventurine, sapphire, sodalite

CAPRICORN: onyx, jet, smoky quartz, obsidian, hematite

AQUARIUS: garnet, zircon, ruby in zoisite, aquamarine

PISCES: amethyst, aquamarine, larimar, sapphire