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Words - Harriet Mays Powell



Born in West Africa's Guinea-Bissau and raised in Portugal, Vania Leles is a former model who walked the runway for Yves Saint Laurent before finding her passion in jewelry design. After studying at the Gemological Institute of America, she went on to work at Graff, De Beers and Sotheby's.

Several years ago, she opened her own store, VanLeles, on Bond Street in London. Her recent high jewelry collection, "Oceana," is an undulating swirl of diamonds and sapphires emulating the motion of waves. "There is nothing I love more than being on the water," she says. "In these pieces, I tried to capture the majesty, movement and awe-inspiring beauty of the ocean, so you can carry that with you even when the sea is just out reach."

All set in 18K white gold, with diamonds and blue sapphires.
vanleles.com



Clockwise from left: earrings, \$60,000; cuff bracelet \$181,500; ring, \$38,000



The Lux Life

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

Inspired by Hermès "anchor chain" jewelry, in-house designer Henri d'Origny created the now-iconic Cape Cod watch 25 years ago. To celebrate the anniversary, the brand has created a new version made with a lapis lazuli dial, surrounded by a bezel of diamonds with a double wrap strap in blue alligator. Hermès Cape Cod, \$10,800, available at Hermès boutiques nationwide and hermes.com.

Crystal-clear

Based in Switzerland, Vera Pure glasses are designed by Vera Purtscher. Each is handcrafted from blown crystal and fits seamlessly into a base or crystal tray that is cut out of a block of optical glass and extensively polished. Chef Gabriel Kreuther's Michelin-star restaurant in New York City uses them as part of his gastronomic experience. Original and elegant, they also can be customized and engraved with personal motifs and designs. \$25 to \$75, atelier@Verapu.re

