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## Casual Couture Rocks Emmy Red Carpet

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Fashions spied at the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Primetime Emmy Awards® reflected a casual couture, dominated by comfortable, colorful dress and accessories. Orange was definitely the new black on the red carpet, as our favorite celebrities donned fluid gowns in shades like ginger, coral and crimson.

Next to red-touched hues, hot whites and dreamy dark blues were top choices in dress for leading ladies. Necklines were mostly bare of adornment, with the focus on ears and fingers, as many dresses had a lot going on in beading, metallics, texture, and pattern. Signature earrings and rings were the top adornments with color gemstones comprising the most memorable looks of the night. Those wore bracelets opted for a signature cuff or thin bangles stacked, also gem-encrusted.

Ear climbers, colorful cascades and dazzling drops dominated the earring category. Among the most brilliant examples included Julianne Hough (“Safe Haven”) in 8.76 carat emerald platinum earrings by Chopard; Brigid Coulter, accompanying nominee Don Cheadle, in 18K blackened gold “Wright Hoops” with square and round cut tourmalines, citrines, pink sapphires and diamonds by AGTA Member, Brenda Smith; and Julie Bowen (“Modern Family”) in stunning platinum sapphire drop earrings and a sugarloaf ring by Jacob & Co.

When it comes to digit decorating, the more, the merrier, and big gemmy designs and double finger and midi rings rule. Among the standouts: the vivacious Sofia Vergara (“Modern Family”) flashed more than 30 carats of Colombian emeralds in a double finger gold ring by Lorraine Schwartz; and Michelle Monaghan (“True Detective”) radiated with outstanding Lightning Ridge black opal and pink tourmaline gold rings by Irene Neuwirth—as well as cascading mixed color tourmaline earrings.



Julianne Hough, Worldwide Rights  
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Alexi Ashe, left and Seth Meyers, Photo by  
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Halle Berry, Photo by Jordan Strauss/Invision/AP

## Singing the Blues



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The most popular gems on the red carpet came in shades of blue including sapphire, tanzanite, lapis, chalcedony and moonstone. Among the most notable designs were seen on Amanda Crew (“Silicon Valley”) wearing sapphire and diamond platinum cluster earrings and a large sapphire and diamond platinum ring by Neil Lane adorning; and Keke Palmer (“The Trip to Bountiful”) sporting ethereal 9.55-carat chalcedony cabochon and diamond titanium ring by Chopard.

Other blue gems were found in the designs of AGTA Member, Sutra, adorning Halle Berry with a tantalizing tanzanite and diamond black gold shield ring; and Melissa Rauch (“The Big Bang Theory”) with sapphire and moonstone drop earrings and a sapphire and diamond ring, both in black gold. Fred Leighton fans also chose blue gemstones set in platinum and diamonds like Kerry Washington (“Scandal”) with lapis stud earrings; Edie Falco (“Nurse Jackie”) with Art Deco sapphire and diamond pendant earrings and bracelet; and

Christine Baranski (“The Good Wife”) with 1930s sapphire ribbon earrings, line bracelet and ring. And, styled in Irene Neuwirth, Anna Gunn (“Breaking Bad”) flashed stunning one-of-a-kind sapphire and Tourmaline earrings and a limited edition Ceylon Sapphire ring, both in 18K rose gold and diamonds.

## Seeing Red

Next to blue, red gems like ruby, garnet and tourmaline were spied at the event and remain a popular choice as seen in these luscious Neil Lane jewels adorning Christina Hendricks (“Mad Men”), most notably her 50-carat crimson garnet and diamond gold ring and garnet and pearl gold Victorian bracelet; and Lizzy Caplan (“Masters of Sex”) in ruby and pearl diamond and platinum bracelets.

Also red hot, Viola Davis (“The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby”) flashed ruby, sapphire and diamond flower earrings by AGTA Member, Sutra against her royal blue dress; and styled in Fred Leighton were Lena Dunham (“Girls”) in ruby and diamond snake earrings and a Georgian ruby and diamond ring, circa 1800; and Minnie Driver (“About a Boy”) in ruby and diamond platinum rings and bracelet.



Photo Courtesy of Irene Neuwirth

## Pearls & Onyx



Photo Courtesy of Susan Eisen Fine Jewelry

A chameleon accessory, pearls complement everything they’re paired with, so it was no surprise to see so many celebrities styling in pearls. In Neil Lane, actress Camila Alves (wife of Matthew McConaughey) looked stunning in pearl and platinum half moon earrings; and Lizzy Caplan was radiant in pearl and diamond earrings, pearl and diamond ring, and pearl, ruby and diamond bracelet. And, Kate Linder (“The Young & the Restless”) adorned in handcrafted one-of-a-kind diamond and cultured pearl dangle earrings by AGTA Member, Susan Eisen. Moreover, Betsy Brandt (“Breaking Bad”) was spied at Emmy events in AGTA Member, Mastoloni “ice fan” earrings with 12mm South Sea pearls and brilliant cut black and white diamonds.

Fans of Fred Leighton also gravitated toward black onyx and diamond jewels with great examples seen on Jessica Paré (“Mad Men”) in an Art Deco Old European diamond and onyx platinum ring; and Natalie Dormer (“Game of Thrones”) in Victorian onyx gold pendant earrings, 19th century carved onyx Pharaoh Ring, and onyx gold bangle bracelet. Black diamonds and blackened gold designs also were popular, particularly in stacking bands and bangles.

### Takeaways

Celebrity stylist and TV personality Michael O’Connor, host of Stylelab’s private jewelry event for Emmy guests, hails Old Hollywood glamour a significant trend, particularly designs from or inspired by the early 1900s, thanks to TV shows like “Boardwalk Empire” and “Downton Abbey”. But he continues to see a century in retrospect as to what’s trending, as so many decades are influencing fashion and accessories. “We’re definitely seeing a fascination with a variety of eras from the 1920s to ‘40s, ‘60s to ‘80s.” But he notes that people are styling with more of a mix and match mentality—blending various eras and looks together. “It’s fun and freshens up the look.”



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Among the featured designers in the Emmy jewelry suite were AGTA Members Brenda Smith, Dena Kemp, Mastoloni, Susan Eisen, Bellarri, Takat, and Le Vian for the Diamonds With A Story Collection. Big takeaways: statement earrings and rings are the go-to red carpet accessories; and color gemstones are the exclamation point on any fashion statement!



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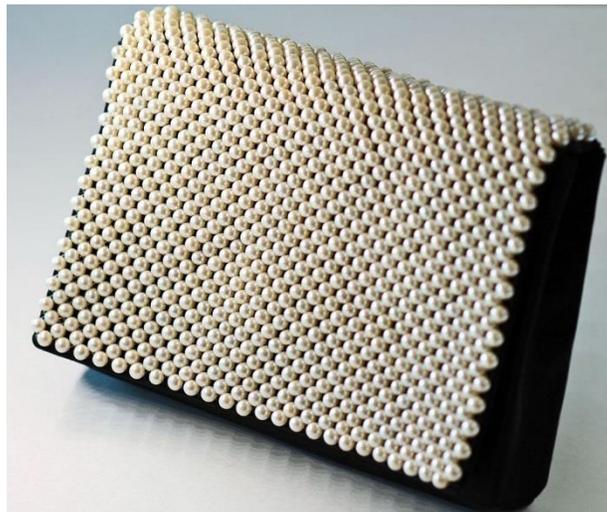


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