

C. Blackburn Jewelers Sees Growing Demand For Handcrafted Rings in San Diego



San Diego, California Sep 9, 2024 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - C. Blackburn Jewelers in La Jolla, San Diego has seen a growing demand for handcrafted jewelry — in particular, handcrafted engagement rings and wedding bands that are custom made to the buyer's specifications.

"This past spring and summer, I've worked with increasing numbers of San Diego couples who want to create a handcrafted ring, versus buying a pre-made designer ring from a showcase," says Carl Blackburn, owner of C. Blackburn Jewelers and an [internationally-recognized jewelry designer](#).

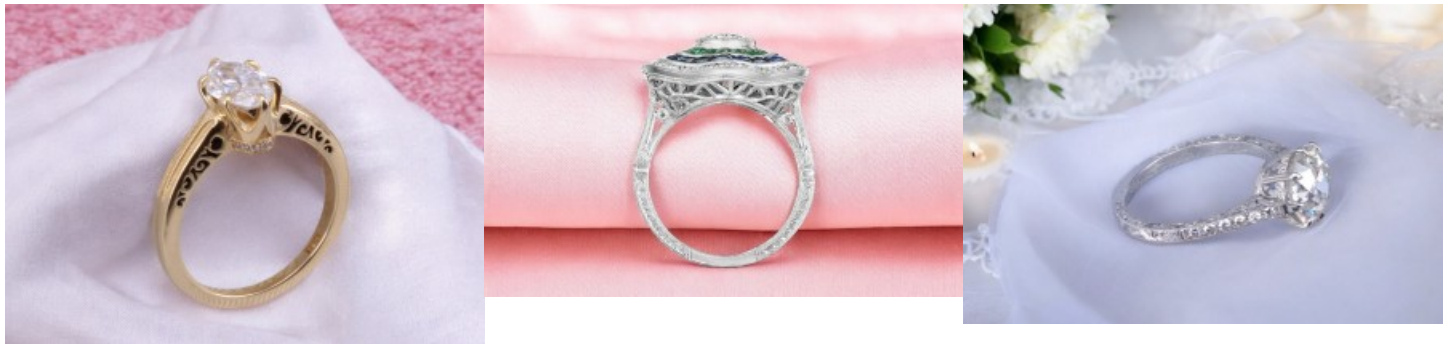
According to Blackburn, custom-made handcrafted rings are popular, in part, because couples want to take part in the design process. In addition, they want to own a ring that's not only a piece of fine jewelry, but a work of art that can be treasured for generations, and passed down to loved ones.

Working with California jewelry artisans who he has carefully vetted, Carl Blackburn creates rings that feature handcrafted engraving, milgrain, and filigree. The engraving often displays floral motifs that are delicately accented by milgraining (tiny beads), while the filigree can range from Art Deco inspired geometric designs to swirling patterns of flowers, leaves, and vines.

The process of [hand filigree](#), engraving, and milgrain is applied to a ring after it has been cast in gold or platinum. It is a painstaking art that has been refined over centuries of jewelry making. Artisans spend years mastering these Old World techniques, which is why they add so much value to a custom engagement ring or wedding band.

"This revival of appreciation for hand-crafted accents has reignited interest in antique jewelry design," says Blackburn. "More and more couples are showing me photos of antique rings that they've saved to their phones, as inspiration for the kind of unique, custom ring they would like to have made."

Working from his boutique jewelry store, C. Blackburn Jewelers, in the seaside village of La Jolla, Carl Blackburn offers a range of diamond and gemstone options (including lab-grown diamonds) that makes the creation of a handcrafted ring more affordable. He welcomes the opportunity to meet with anyone who wants to discuss a fine jewelry design project.



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