



Gems at play

While costume jewelry was once designed to look like the real thing, now it seems to be the other way around. Coloured precious gems are being threaded together with 24-karat gold and sterling silver to create handcrafted pieces that are simultaneously chic and playful. Canada's Terri Michael, who plucks her stones from Eur-

ope, South America and Asia, says her jewelry is inspired by the "blue seas and sunny skies of Mexico and the Mediterranean." Meanwhile, Rodrigo Otazu, who has designed for Britney Spears and Aretha Franklin, intertwines vibrantly coloured beach pebbles with Swarovski crystals. Perfect for accenting that party outfit!

- 1_ 24-karat gold-plate citrine with freshwater pearls, \$425, Terri Michael Stoned Originals
- 2_ Otazu white opal necklace, \$330, Designs by Naomi/Essentia Designs
- 3_ Otazu semi-precious long necklace, \$400
- 4_ Otazu ocean wrap necklace, \$445
- 5_ Brushed sterling silver opalite cluster, \$340, Terri Michael Stoned Originals
- 6_ Otazu beach-pebble Swarovski crystal necklace, \$320
- 7_ Sterling silver African jade and citrine, \$330, Terri Michaels Stoned Originals