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If a stone's color is described as "fancy," it has a particularly intense and vivid shade.

TRUE COLORS

White diamonds are graded on the absence of color. The scale ranges from D to Z; the most valuable stones are "colorless" (D through F), and a J diamond is the minimum many jewelers recommend, because traces of brown or yellow are visible from K onward. Consider clarity, the C that evaluates the inclusions or blemishes, ranging from "flawless" to "included," at the same time. Pro tip: When it's cut and polished properly, a high clarity grade can make an I- or J-grade diamond more attractive. Colored diamonds, however, are a different story. With them, you're looking for the strength and purity of the hue, as well as rarity (the rarer the color, the higher the price). Champagne, gray, black, and brown diamonds are fairly common; the wildly glamorous blue and pink varieties are exceptionally precious; and a red diamond is among the rarest of all.

1. Mish New York "Arden" 5-carat brown diamond with brown-diamond pavé; mishnewyork.com.