

Rubies have long served as symbols of love, power and, because their color is reminiscent of blood, life. It's rare to come across rubies of exceptional quality, like the 18.12-carat cushion-cut Tanzanian one at the center of Van Cleef & Arpels's Jardin de Rubis necklace. The scarlet stone, which stands out for the purity of its color, is surrounded by clusters of pink and white diamonds and rubies, inspired by a forest in bloom. The necklace's prized centerpiece can also be detached and worn as a pin. For details see Sources, page 94. -Jill Newman

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