

I MADE IT MYSELF



WHO David Parker
WHAT sapphire ring

I wanted to make something that worked with all the colours of a sapphire, from dark to light. I wanted to capture the shades – all those gradients of colour. The sapphire is a remarkable stone; very durable and prestigious.

I suppose a lot of my work is contemporary. I like the idea of my work standing out as a strong, modern piece. A lot of thought and planning goes into each piece I make. I do a lot of sketching, to work out proportions and dimensions.

I really enjoy working on private commissions for design-minded people. I think people like the idea of having something made especially for them – it can add a whole other dimension to the work. I really enjoy working with couples when I'm creating something like an engagement ring; something that will remain significant to them for years to come. These days, everything is made in such tremendous volumes, it's refreshing to have a piece of jewellery that's unique.

To see a display of Parker's work, visit e.g.etal, 185 Little Collins Street (on show until July 29) or davidparkerjewellery.com.au

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