

What is an ethical gold engagement ring? An expert opinion. By award winning designer, Arabel Lebrusan

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It's easy to get caught up by the glitz and glamour when searching for an engagement ring. You can easily become blinded by the Four Cs and the dazzle of a diamond which can obscure your view of what you're actually buying.

An engagement ring will likely to be the most important jewellery purchase you'll ever make - a token of your love, commitment and partnership - so it's fitting that only love goes into making it. How would you feel if you found out that the item that marks a symbol of your love contained a conflict diamond or was produced through child labour? It would certainly dull its sparkle to say the least! That's why ethical jewellery matters so much. Here at Arabel Lebrusan, we can ensure each of our ethical gold diamond engagement rings are produced sustainably, with full traceability, as we know the origin of the materials used.

Over the years, we're proud to have built a reputation for beautifully made ethical jewellery that doesn't compromise on style or ethics. Our customers come to us because they know they can trust us, so we're always ready to answer your questions about ethics, sustainability and traceability for total peace of mind.

What is an ethical engagement ring?

In short, an ethical engagement ring is produced sustainably using traceable materials, so you know where it comes from and who made it. But we'd like to delve a little deeper to show you how much love, care and attention goes into each ethical diamond engagement ring at Arabel Lebrusan. When buying an ethical engagement ring there are three main questions you should ask:

Where is the gold from, where is the diamond or gemstone from and who made my ring?

And we're proud to say we can answer all three, meaning you can be rest assured that you're buying the most ethical engagement ring available.

Gold

Our gold - and all of our metals at that - is ethically sourced from certified Fairtrade (<https://www.arabellebrusan.com/pages/fairtrade-gold>) or Fairmined (<https://www.arabellebrusan.com/pages/fairmined-gold>) artisanal mines. By being Fairtrade or Fairmined accredited the miner receives a fair wage for their gold, as well as sufficient healthcare, education and safety equipment. The miners also receive an annual premium (which goes directly to the miners to be spent as they wish) which can be used to better the livelihoods of their communities. But we don't just stop there! In some of our collections, our gold is also eco-friendly as it is refined without the use of harsh chemicals such as mercury or cyanide, which is better for the health of both the environment and

the miners.

Diamonds

Our diamonds are Canadian diamonds, with a Canada Mark (<https://www.arabellebrusan.com/pages/beautiful-ethics>), which are the only fully traceable diamond available on the market today. They are mined, cut and polished in Canada which is the only way to ensure full traceability and ethics at the moment. All of our diamonds and gemstones are beautifully unique, conflict free and come with their own certificate of origin, so you don't have to take our word for it!

Craftsmanship

As we're an independent jewellery company, we utilise the skills of small teams of craftspeople (<https://www.arabellebrusan.com/pages/beautiful-craftsmanship>) in both the UK and Spain so we know the people working on your piece of jewellery. This is something that larger companies cannot offer, as they work with huge factories across the globe and will have never met the workers creating their pieces. A personal touch adds that extra provenance to a piece of jewellery which cannot be underestimated. Our small team of expert craftspeople not only helps to provide traceability but it means we can create a piece that is truly unique to you...

Ethical Engagement Rings

Our selection of beautiful bespoke ethical solitaire engagement rings (<https://www.arabellebrusan.com/collections/bespoke-engagement-rings>) can be adapted and customised to suit your style. Personalise your ring with a gemstone or diamond of your choice - we'd recommend diamonds or sapphires, as they're stunning, hard wearing and will last a lifetime. Or add an extra special feature to the band with a row of ethically-sourced sparkling pavé diamonds or delicate hand engraving, for a touch of understated luxury. Whatever your style, we can design an ethical engagement ring to tell your love story.

If you have your own design in mind then find out about our bespoke design service, so you can have the ethical ring of your dreams!

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Arabel Lebrusan took her Masters in Jewellery Design at Central St Martins and went on to become Creative Director at Leblas Jewellery, leaving two years later to create her own brand of unique designs. Arabel commissions only the best craftsman in the UK and her native Spain and insisting on precious metals and gemstones that have been sustainably and ethically sourced.