What is Polki Gold?

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Polki gold refers to traditional Indian jewellery made using **uncut, natural diamonds** known as Polki. These diamonds are set in high-karat gold, typically **22ct**, using a detailed handcrafting technique rooted in **Rajasthani heritage**.

Unlike modern cut diamonds, **Polki diamonds are not faceted or polished**, which gives them a raw, earthy brilliance. They're often backed with silver or foil to enhance their glow and set using the **Kundan technique** — a fine art form that layers precious metals around the stones.

Polki gold jewellery is prized for its vintage charm, regal aesthetic, and rich cultural significance, especially for weddings and special occasions. It is considered a symbol of opulence and heritage across generations.

Polki vs Kundan vs Modern Diamonds

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Stone Type	Uncut, natural diamonds	Glass or semi-precious stones	Faceted, cut & polished diamonds
Look & Finish	Raw, antique, with natural sparkle	Ornate, glossy with colourful enamel work	Sparkling brilliance with precision cuts
Craftsmanship	Traditional, set using Kundan technique in 22ct gold	Highly detailed layering around stones in gold/silver	Machine-cut or artisan-set in modern styles
Gold Purity	Usually 22ct gold	Typically 22ct gold or silver backing	Ranges from 14ct to 22ct (depending on design)
Cultural Value	Regal, Rajasthani and Mughal roots	Deeply rooted in Indian bridal jewellery traditions	Contemporary, Western and global appeal
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