

Taylor Swift’s engagement ring is a stunner estimated to be worth \$550,000 or more

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Taylor Swift’s big, beautiful diamond engagement ring reflects the singer’s love of vintage jewelry — and that’s a big love. One expert in estate jewelry tells Brides magazine the ring could be worth \$550,000, while others suggest it could be a million-dollar sparkler. Swift, who announced her engagement to Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce on Tuesday, has not released any information about what will surely become an iconic piece of celebrity bling.

Perhaps here it should be noted that one of the songs on Swift’s new album, “The Life of a Showgirl,” is titled “Elizabeth Taylor,” a movie star known for her love of lavish and very expensive jewelry.

“Kelce worked with Kindred Lubeck of Artifex Fine Jewelry to design the ring,” Vogue reported. “Kelce popped the question with a round brilliant-cut old mine diamond, which was bezel-set in yellow gold with filigree detail work on the side of the band. “Clearly, there was no need to sacrifice any of the four C’s: the colorless diamond took up much of her left ring finger’s real estate.”

According to TaylorSwiftStyled on Instagram, Lubeck is a female jeweler who specializes in vintage-inspired rings and ethically sourced gemstones. “I was struck by an anecdote from her bio that stated she was once told ‘she would never be a jewelry designer,’” wrote Swift style expert Sarah Chapelle, author of “Taylor Swift Style.” “There’s something poetic to me about tapping



Instagram/Taylor Swift

Travis Kelce is said to have worked with the jeweler who designed Taylor Swift’s engagement ring. The vintage-inspired stunner is thought to be worth between \$550,000 and \$1 million. The couple announced their engagement on Tuesday.

the beautiful work of someone intrepid, fearless, and determined to create a ring symbolizing forever — just like a certain someone we know. Right?”

The ring “looks to be an old mine brilliant cut — this is a very unique shape and very uncommon today. The facets are larger, the stone is a bit deeper, and it gives the effect of a softer sparkle,” Tara Zerr, divisional vice president of merchandise at Helzberg in Kansas City, said in a statement to The Star.

“The weight of the diamond looks to be around 10 carats, but our guess — knowing the iconic duo — is that the number is something significant to them, perhaps 13! “We’d estimate the cost to be around \$400k, \$500k for a natural diamond.”

Forbes says the “old mine” brilliant cut dates from the early 18th century to late 19th century. “Old Mine Cut diamonds are square shaped with rounded corners and

have 58 facets. However, no two Old Mine Cut diamonds are alike. You can recognize one by its small table, larger culet (flat facet) and high crown,” the fine jewelry company VRAI told Forbes.

“The style of the ring is definitely a throwback to the Victorian Era, with the beautiful delicate and decorative gold work,” Benjamin Khordipour at Estate Diamond Jewelry told Brides.

“Taylor Swift was proposed to with a stunning elongated antique cushion-cut diamond that is approximately 8 carats, F color and VS1 clarity,” says Khordipour.

“The ring was hand-crafted in 18k yellow gold and the center diamond is set with needle point prongs that perfectly match the antique style. Smaller diamonds and hand-engravings adorn the shoulders of her setting.”

He called it his favorite celebrity sparkler of the year. “We estimate the

price of her ring to be \$550,000,” Khordipour said.

Chapelle noted that other outlets have estimated the ring to be worth \$750,000 to as much as \$1 million.

Chapelle, a devoted Swiftie, noticed something unique about the ring.

“And, if my eyes don’t deceive me, in the photo we have of the ring it appears that part of the filigree work includes a small ‘T’ on the side, which I would guess is mirrored on the other side of the band,” she wrote.

“If I’m guessing, this is possibly a reference to Taylor and Travis’ couple nickname “TnT” — to which Taylor nodded in her caption via a dynamite emoji.

“This wouldn’t be the first time Taylor has worn jewelry that references the shorthanded nickname. You might recall that she wore a ‘double T’ Tiffany & Co ring that I thought was a possible wink to that.”

Swift hasn’t publicly commented on the ring.

Kingdom,” on Sunday night at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts.

Swift did not attend, but it sounds like she was at Travis’ home cooking.

“We actually went to a thing in KC Sunday night ... and his mother and I went with him back to his house for dinner, where Taylor made dinner, and we had a wonderful dinner with them outside on the patio and to just watch the two of them, just crazy about each other,” Kelce said. “It’s truly kinda neat.”

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Man dies after being found shot in wooded area of Kansas City park

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A man is dead after being found shot in a Kansas City park Wednesday morning.

Police responded just before 8 a.m. on reports of shots fired. Upon arrival, they were directed to the woods in the back of Blue Valley Park, according to Sgt. Philip DiMartino, spokesperson for the Kansas City Police Department.

An adult male was found in the woods suffering from gunshot wounds. Medics responded and transported the man to the hospital where he died shortly after.

“We’re still working on the preliminary part of this to figure out what led up to the shots being fired and the victim losing their life,” DiMartino said.

Witnesses at the scene provided information on a possible subject of interest and a vehicle description, according to DiMartino. That person was taken into custody nearby.

A K-9 officer was at the scene to help officers sniff out shell casings in the woods, which DiMartino noted as crucial.

“This is a tragedy,” he said. “If there’s a bright spot in this tragedy, it’s the fact that we got that information quickly. We utilized our technology and our patrol cops could go be cops, make an arrest.”

This marks Kansas City’s 107th homicide this year, compared to 104 at this time last year, according to data tracked by The Star, which includes fatal police shootings.



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Chiefs wide receiver Rashee Rice catches a pass during practice on Sept. 12, 2024.

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released a statement after the sentence:

“Last March, I was involved in a high-speed accident in Dallas. There have been a lot of sleepless nights thinking about the damages that my actions caused, and I will continue working within my means to make sure that everyone impacted will be made whole. I urge everyone to mind the speed limit, drive safe and drive smart. Last and certainly not least, I am profoundly sorry for the physical damages to person and property. I fully apologize for the harm I caused to innocent drivers and their families.”

At training camp at

Missouri Western, Rice was asked about the possibility of a suspension and how he’s preparing for the season.

“I’m locked in,” Rice said. “This is what I do. This is my job. This is what I love to do. So even when I’m not able to be out there with my team, I’m gonna still be working as hard as I can so I can be back out there with them as soon as possible.”

The Chiefs kept eight wide receivers on their 53-man roster after Tuesday’s cuts. They’ll start the season with Xavier Worthy, Hollywood Brown, JuJu Smith-Schuster, Jalen Royals, Tyquan Thornton, Jason Brownlee and Nikko Remigio at the position.

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