7.5 x 8mm AAA quality 16 inch cultured pearl necklace finished with American Pearl’s “Figure 8” 18K yellow gold signature clasp. $2090

For a complete selection of pearl products, be sure to visit American Pearl’s award-winning website at www.americanpearl.com

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The history of pearls is measured in millenniums. American Pearl’s, in just over half a century. Yet both are chronicles of the desire for perfection.
Pearls are not mined, cut, shaped, or redefined. They are born. Evolving naturally from a speck inside an oyster shell, they have represented the epitome of purity and sophistication since Cleopatra’s time.

Our founder Charlie Bakhash embraced this eternal obsession, too. It drove him to grow American Pearl from a small midtown storefront in 1950 to a business that redefined the industry, and made him the talk of it. From Japan to Hong Kong to Australia, Tahiti and Indonesia, Charlie cultivated sources, friends, contacts, experience, knowledge and – more important – access to the finest pearls in the world.

The network of relationships he created is his precious legacy, his pearl. It remains the foundation of our business and is the reason we can promise the world’s highest quality pearls at prices that are truly wholesale and because we import direct, and because we’re always guaranteed the cream of our farmers’ crops: flawless, unblemished, the top 1% of the harvest.

Each pearl is uniquely beautiful in its own right. Like the women they adorn, and the places that give birth to them. Throughout these pages, you’ll get a flavor of these remote regions where Charlie blazed a trail, each of which produces exquisitely distinctive variations of this marine miracle. We hope you’ll also get a better sense of how the ocean’s greatest treasure can satisfy a range of gifting needs. The American Pearl web site promises much more information, more products, more stories and more suggestions, as does American Diamond, the renowned gemstones side of our business, highlighted on page 36.

Together, they offer a more rewarding online jewelry-buying experience all round. We invite you to visit and browse not simply to your heart’s content, but in the expectation that you’ll actually find it.

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Japan, 1905. A pearl fisherman, Kokichi, opens one of his oysters to reveal a glorious, perfectly round pearl. He is exultant, for he has changed history.
AAA quality pearl necklace, 6.5 x 7mm, 18K gold, 16 inches. $1,290.

AAA quality pearl necklace, 7 x 7.5mm, 18K gold, 16 inches. $1,500.

AAA quality pearl necklace, 7.5 x 8mm, 18K gold, 16 inches. $1,890.

AAA quality pearl earrings, 8mm, 14K gold, $300.

Kokichi’s cultured pearl, the result of decades of painstaking experimentation and research. Previously, pearls were made by the oyster’s defense against natural irritants (a shell fragment, a parasite), releasing layer upon layer of silky “nacre” to wrap the object, hardening to a crystalline shimmer.

He has taken this a step further, introducing a foreign object into the oyster to provoke the process. Now man – and Mother Nature – can create the gem. He has created the oyster farm. From this, the seed of the Akoya cultured pearl, and an entire industry, is sown.

Akoya pearls are now an essential element in any woman’s wardrobe; from the elegant single strand to the power-dressing double and the aristocratic triple. As well as glorious gift ideas, the following section shows how to build your own Akoya necklace (p.10-11), and the grading system for these classic pearls.

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To order call 800.847.3275
Timeless
Grey black 10.25mm Tahitian pearl and diamond ring, 18k gold. $1,400.

Chic
Pearl earrings $150.

Classic
Pearl and diamond earrings $270.

Contemporary
Black pearl ring $280.

Stylish
Pearl and diamond ring $230.

Refined
Pearl and diamond ring $480.

Fancy
Pearl and diamond earrings $580.

Gift Guide
Be it a special occasion, or just a romantic surprise, pearls remain the purest expression of glamour and taste. And the quickest way to a woman’s heart.

Here are some shining examples from our vast inventory, to complement her many styles and moods. Classic or contemporary, chic or casual, formal yet always in fashion. There are, of course, thousands more on our web site.

You know her. We know pearls. Together, we ought to be able to find the perfect gift. At the perfect price.
EXOTIC
Black Tahitian pearl and diamond earring, 18k gold. $800.

FORMAL
Akoya cultured pearl rings, $350. $240.

CASUAL
AAA quality pearl (7 x 7.5mm) and diamond tin cup necklace, 18k gold, 16 inches. $1,308.

MODERN
Fresh-water pearl ring $300.

FASHIONABLE
Fresh-water pearl earrings $275.

ROMANTIC
White 11.3mm Australian pearl and diamond pendant, 18k gold, 18 inches. $800.

UNUSUAL
White 10.25mm Australian pearl and diamond pendant, 18k gold, 18 inches. $700.

SIMPLE
Pearl and diamond earrings $550.

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A cultured pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of eight Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA quality measuring from 8mm to 8.5mm, connected with 14K yellow or white gold chain. Length 18 inches. $1,200. 
36 Inches, 16 pearls. $2,400.

A cultured pearl and gold drop earring. Composed of two AAA quality Japanese Akoya cultured pearls per earring measuring 8mm each, mounted in a 14K yellow drop setting. $500.
An opera-length multicolor South Sea Pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of thirty Golden and White South Sea pearls measuring from 9mm to 9.5mm, connected with 14K yellow gold chain. Length 48 inches. $3,900. Shown on the model as two of the four necklaces.

An opera-length multicolor South Sea Pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of thirty Black, Golden and White South Sea pearls measuring from 9mm to 9.5mm, connected with 14K white gold chain. Length 48 inches. $3,900. Shown on the model as two of the four necklaces.

A pair of Tahitian pearl and diamond drop earrings. Each composed of a natural color black Tahitian pearl measuring 9mm, suspended from a gold and diamond connection, .28 carats t.d.w., mounted in 14K white gold. $810.

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A double strand cultured pearl necklace. Composed of two strand of 8.5 to 9mm natural color Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AA quality, completed with an 18K yellow gold two-row clasp. Length 16, 17 inches. $6,806. 7.5 to 8mm. $2,867.

A pair of diamond and platinum earrings. Each composed of a single ideal cut round brilliant diamond weighing 1.0 carats or 2.0 carats t.d.w. The diamonds are G/H color, VS1/VS2 clarity set in a four prong screw back setting. $11,000.

A diamond and platinum ring. Composed of a 2.64 carat emerald cut diamond center stone of D color, VS1 clarity, flanked by two matching tapered baguettes, .58 carats t.d.w. To use this ring setting and select another center stone, visit www.americandiamond.com and select option Build Your Own Ring. $33,000.

A diamond line bracelet. Composed of 57 asscher cut diamonds, each diamond approximately .20 carats, the whole bracelet weighing approximately 11.40 carats, G color, VS1 clarity, set in platinum. Length 6.5 inches. Call for price.

Visit www.americandiamond.com for all diamond gift information, orders, other sizes and configurations.
A cultured pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of eleven Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of A+ quality measuring from 7 to 7.5mm, connected with an 18K yellow or white gold chain. Length 16 inches. $275.

A single strand cultured pearl bracelet. Composed of 6 to 6.5mm natural color Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA quality, completed with an 18K yellow gold clasp. Length 7 inches. $513.

A single strand white Australian Keshi South Sea cultured pearl necklace. Composed of 29 natural South Sea pearls measuring from 9.5 to 13mm, completed with an 18K white gold clasp. Unlike cultured pearls, Keshi pearls are natural pearls that are found. As such, they are amongst the rarest pearls in the world. Length 17 inches. $12,000.
A double strand cultured pearl and diamond necklace. Composed of two 7.5 x 8mm natural color Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AA Quality, completed with an 18K white gold and diamond clasp, with diamonds weighing approximately 1.0 carats t.d.w., G color, VS1 clarity. Length 17, 18 inches. $4,900.

A pearl and diamond hoop earring. Each composed of a single natural color cultured pearl of AAA quality measuring 9mm within a diamond channel setting. The diamonds weighing .5 carats mounted in 18K white gold. $1,700.
Luster is considered the most important quality factor in pearls. Luster refers both to a pearl’s brilliance — the way its surface reflects light — and its inner glow: the way it refracts light. A pearl’s luster is generally evaluated in terms of “very high (AAA Quality)” to “low (A Quality)” with grades of “medium” in between. Very high-luster pearls are bright, and have a deep-seated glow. They reflect objects near them clearly. Low-luster pearls, on the other hand, have low reflective and refractive qualities. They may appear too white, or dull or chalky, and they usually have only marginal nacre thickness. Consumers should always purchase the finest quality pearls in their price range.

A double strand cultured pearl and diamond necklace. Composed of two 6.5 x 7mm natural color Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA Quality, completed with an 18K white gold and diamond clasp, with diamonds weighing approximately .75 carats t.d.w., G color, VS1 clarity. Length 16, 17 inches. $3,500.

A pair of mabe pearl earclips. Each composed of a white Australian mabe pearl measuring 14mm mounted within an 18K white gold setting. $800.

Pearl and diamond earrings $425.
A pair of south sea pearl and diamond earrings. Each composed of a single natural color Australian south sea cultured pearl measuring 9.75mm with a marquise diamond surround, the 10 diamonds weighing .70 carats, mounted in 18k white gold. $2,350.

A triple strand cultured pearl and diamond necklace. Composed of three strands of 7 x 7.5mm natural color Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA quality, completed with an 18K white gold diamond flower clasp with 33 diamonds weighing 1.80 carats t.d.w., G color, VS1 clarity. Length 16, 18.5, 19 inches. $9,200.

A cultured pearl bracelet. Composed of three strands of natural color Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA quality measuring from 8 to 8.5mm, connected with a diamond bayonette clasp, 60 diamonds weighing .60 carats, mounted in 18k white gold. Length 7 inches. $4,500.
A single strand Japanese Akoya and black Tahitian South Sea cultured pearl necklace. Composed of 7.5 to 8mm natural-color Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA quality, completed by a 10mm Starry Night pearl and diamond clasp with 6 diamonds weighing .05 carats. Length 18 inches. $3,000. Including 10.7mm black Tahitian South Sea pearl and diamond removable enhancer. $3,600.

A cultured pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of eleven Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA quality measuring from 8 to 8.5mm, connected with an 18K yellow or white gold chain. Length 16 inches. $850.

A pair of cultured pearl and diamond earrings. Each composed of a single natural color AAA quality Japanese Akoya cultured pearl measuring 8mm, artfully studded with a round brilliant cut diamond weighing .30 carats t.d.w., mounted in 18K white gold. $850.
A pearl and diamond necklace.
Composed of 23 natural color AAA quality Japanese Akoya cultured pearls measuring approximately 8.5mm, with 90 diamonds weighing 7.33 carats, set in 18k white gold. Length 16 inches. $16,000.

A pearl and diamond earring.
Each composed of two natural color AAA quality Japanese Akoya cultured pearls measuring 8mm and 8.5mm, with 8 diamonds weighing .60 carats, mounted in 18k white gold. $1,300.

A pair of freshwater pearl and diamond earrings. Each composed of a single natural color lavender Chinese freshwater pearl measuring 9mm, artfully studded with a baguette cut diamond weighing .15 carats t.d.w., mounted in 18K white gold. $325.
A double strand cultured pearl and diamond necklace. Composed of two strands of 8 x 8.5mm Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA quality, completed with an 18K white gold diamond flower clasp with 33 diamonds weighing .36 carats. Length 24, 25 inches. $12,000.

A pair of diamond and platinum earrings. Each composed of a single ideal cut round brilliant diamond weighing .75 carats or 1.50 carats t.d.w. The diamonds are GH color, VS1/VS2 clarity set in a four prong screw back setting. $6,000.

A diamond and platinum ring. Composed of a center round brilliant cut diamond flanked by two round brilliant diamond side stones, each weighing .34 carats, G color, VS1 clarity. Please visit www.americandiamond.com to choose your own center stone to complete this ring.

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A freshwater pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of 10 natural color lavender Chinese freshwater pearls measuring from 9mm to 10mm, connected with 14K white gold chain. Length 37 inches. $1,200.

A pair of freshwater pearl and diamond drop earrings. Each composed of a lavender Chinese freshwater pearl measuring 7.5mm, suspended from a gold and diamond connection, .06 carats t.d.w., mounted in 14K white gold. $225.
CREATE YOUR OWN CLASSIC GIFT

Build your own necklace and/or earrings using this simple guide to the size and grading of Japanese Akoya cultured pearls.
### 16 INCH SINGLE STRAND JAPANESE AKOYA CULTURED PEARL NECKLACE

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Necklace prices are based on 16 inch length. For longer lengths, please visit our web site at www.americanpearl.com or phone 1.800.847.3275 to speak with a pearl specialist.

### JAPANESE CULTURED PEARL GRADING

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A cultured pearl necklace. 7.5 x 8mm AAA quality 16 inch cultured pearl necklace strung on double stranded silk thread with two knots between each pearl and affixed with an 18K yellow gold safety clasp. $1890.

A pair of cultured pearl earrings. Each composed of a single natural color Japanese Akoya cultured pearl measuring approximately 8mm, mounted in 18K yellow gold. $300.
**SELECT ANOTHER LENGTH**

A. 16 inch choker  
B. 18 inch princess  
C. 20 inch matinee  
D. 22 inch matinee  
E. 24 inch matinee  
F. 30 inch opera  
G. 36 inch opera

**CHOKER**  
14 to 16 inches  
A pearl choker is perhaps the most classic and yet versatile of all the single strand lengths. A simple pearl choker can go with virtually any outfit from casual to fancy evening wear, and just about any neckline imaginable.

**PRINCESS**  
17 to 19 inches  
The princess length necklace is best suited for crew and high necklines. It also complements low plunging necklines. This necklace is perfect for attaching a pendant or pearl enhancer.

**MATINEE**  
20 to 24 inches  
Longer than the choker, and just a bit shorter than an opera length, the matinee necklace is the right choice for casual or business dressing.

**OPERA**  
28 to 36 inches  
The opera necklace is the queen of all the lengths. When worn as a single strand, it is refined and perfect for high or crew necklines. When doubled upon itself, it serves as a versatile two strand choker or princess.
An opera-length South Sea pearl necklace. Composed of graduated baroque shape white south sea cultured pearls measuring approximately from 9 to 12.5mm, completed by an 18K white gold safety clasp. Length 34 inches. $5,800.

A pair of South Sea cultured pearl and diamond drop earrings. Each composed of a baroque shape white South Sea cultured pearl measuring 11mm, suspended from a round brilliant diamond, .08 carats t.d.w., mounted in 18K white gold. $475.
A cultured pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of nine Japanese Akoya cultured pearls of AAA quality measuring from 8.5 to 9mm, connected with 14K yellow or white gold chain. Length 20 inches. $1,200. 40 Inches, eighteen pearls. $2,400.

A cultured pearl and gold drop earring. Composed of two AAA quality Japanese Akoya cultured pearls per earring measuring 8mm each, mounted in a 14K yellow drop setting. $500.
Local legend has it that the Tahitian God Oro used his rainbows to visit Earth, creating mother-of-pearl and ensuring the spectrum of ocean bounty led by the glorious black pearl.

MYSTERY

TAHITI’S DARK SECRET UNLOCKED
Although the truth is more prosaic (in the form of the black-lipped oyster), French Polynesia nonetheless enchanted Charlie. Not just the idyllic peace of these island paradises, but the gentleness of the people. And the quality of the gems.

Ranging from black to silvery white to gold to all the hues on a peacock’s tail, South Sea pearls are larger and take longer to cultivate; up to 3 years in some cases. Accordingly, there’s more time for the pearl’s surface to accrue variations and flaws, details which only enhance its uniqueness and allure.

Our Tahitian black pearl necklace layouts start at 8 to 10mm, 10 to 12mm, 12mm and up, with more sizes (and hundreds of other South Sea pearls) on our web site. As you’ll see there and on these pages, we bring you only the most dramatic riches from these coral crowns in the South Pacific.
A rope-length Tahitian pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of twenty-two, black Tahitian South Sea pearls measuring from 10 to 12mm, connected with 14K white gold chain. Shown on the model as a triple strand. Length 65 inches. $5,500. 33 Inch opera-length. $2,750.

A pair of Tahitian pearl and gold drop earring. Each composed of two natural color black Tahitian pearls measuring 8mm, mounted in a 14K white gold drop setting. $675.
An opera-length Tahitian multicolor pearl necklace. Composed of 36 inches of round 10 to 12mm natural color black Tahitian south sea cultured pearls, completed with an 18K white gold safety clasp. $7,900.

A pair of Tahitian south sea pearl earclips. Composed of a single natural color black Tahitian south sea pearl measuring 10.5mm within a diamond surround, the 52 diamonds weighing .64 carats t.d.w., mounted in 18K white gold. $2,300.
A Tahitian pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of eight natural color black Tahitian south sea pearls measuring from 8mm to 8.5mm, connected with 14K white gold chain. Length 18 inches. $1,400. 36 inches, 16 pearls. $2,800.

A pair of Tahitian pearl and gold drop earrings. Each composed of two natural color black Tahitian pearls measuring 8mm, mounted in a 14K white gold drop setting. $675.

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A Double Strand Tahitian Multicolor Cultured Pearl Bracelet. Composed of 34 graduated natural color cultured pearls measuring from 9.5 to 10.5mm, Connected with a diamond Bayonette clasp, mounted in 18K white gold. Length 7 inches. $4,600.


A Pearl and Diamond Ring. Composed of a single natural color black Tahitian cultured pearl measuring 10.25mm, within a pavé-set surround, the 32 diamonds weighing 0.36 carats, mounted in 18K white gold. $1,400.

A Pair of Tahitian Cultured Pearl Earrings. Each composed of a single natural color black Tahitian South Sea cultured pearl measuring approximately 11mm, mounted in 18K white gold. $1,000.
A Tahitian pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of nine natural color black Tahitian south sea pearls measuring from 9mm to 9.5mm, connected with 14K white gold chain. Length 20 inches. $2,200. 36 Inches, 16 pearls. $4,400.

A pair of Tahitian pearl and gold drop earrings. Each composed of two natural color black Tahitian pearls measuring 8mm, mounted in a 14K white gold drop setting. $675.
A black Tahitian south sea cultured pearl necklace measuring from 10 to 11mm, 18k gold, $5,800.

12mm black Tahitian south sea pearl and diamond earring, 18k gold, $2,600.
A Double Strand Tahitian and Australian South Sea Pearl Necklace. Composed of black Tahitian and white Australian graduated natural color south sea cultured pearls measuring from 10 to 11 mm, connected with a diamond Bayonette two row clasp, mounted in 18K white gold. Length 15 inches, 16 inches. Single Strand Necklace. $12,000. Double Strand Necklace. $22,000. Matching black and white 12mm earrings in 18k white gold. $2,300.

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A black grey Tahitian south sea cultured pearl necklace measuring from 10 to 11 mm, composed of 34 graduated pearls, completed with an 18K gold clasp, 16 inches, $3,900.

A pair of Tahitian cultured pearl earclips. Each composed of a black Tahitian cultured pearl measuring 10mm, set within a pavé diamond surround, .21 carats, mounted in 18K white gold. $1,350.

10mm grey black Tahitian south sea pearl and diamond ring, 18k gold, $1,400.
A Tahitian Cultured Pearl Ring. Composed of a single natural color black cultured pearl measuring 13mm within a diamond pavé-set surround, the 152 diamonds weighing 2.06 carats, mounted in 18k white gold. $3,500.

A Single Strand Tahitian Cultured Pearl and Diamond Necklace. Composed of graduated natural color black Tahitian South Sea pearls measuring from 11 to 12.8mm, interspersed by 28 white gold 18K diamond rondells weighing 5.6 carats t.d.w., G color, VS clarity, completed with an 11mm 18K white gold diamond ball clasp. Length 16 inches. $22,000.

A Pair of Tahitian Cultured Pearl Earclips. Each composed of a single natural color black cultured pearl measuring approximately 13mm within a diamond pavé-set surround, the 75 diamonds weighing 2.18 carats, mounted in 18k white gold. $6,500.
A double strand Tahitian cultured pearl necklace. Composed of 72 graduated natural multicolor black Tahitian cultured pearls measuring from 10 to 11mm, completed with an 18K white gold two row knot clasp. Length 16, 17 inches. $7,900.

Single strand. $3,950.

A pair of Tahitian cultured pearl earclips. Each composed of a black Tahitian cultured pearl measuring 10mm, set within a pavé diamond surround, .21 carats, mounted in 18K white gold. $1,350.

A single strand Tahitian cultured pearl necklace. Composed of graduating natural color black green Tahitian cultured pearls measuring from 8 to 10mm. Completed by an 18K white gold safety clasp. Length 18 inches. $3,200.

A single strand Tahitian cultured pearl bracelet. Composed of graduated natural color cultured pearls measuring from 8 to 9mm, connected with an 18K white gold safety clasp. Length 7 inches. $1,200.
Australia's classic white wonders

BRILLIANT
AUSTRALIA'S CLASSIC WHITE WONDERS
A single strand South Sea cultured pearl necklace. Composed of 33 graduated cultured pearls measuring approximately from 10 to 11mm, completed by a 18K white gold safety clasp. Length 16 inches. $8,800.

A pair of South Sea cultured pearl earrings. Each composed of a single natural color Australian cultured pearl measuring approximately 10mm, mounted in 18K white gold. $1,800.

Thousands of years ago, the pearl was at the heart of ancient Aborigine culture. Oyster shells and pearls became tribal costume decorations, and were traded for food and tools. They also believed this natural gem had supernatural powers, and could interpret dreams.

The classic white pearl cast a powerful spell on Charlie, too. As did the bountiful North Australian coastline, home to the Silver Lip Oyster, which produces this larger, rounder pearl with a rich satiny finish in white, silver or cream.

Considered the “Rolls Royce” of cultivated pearls, we are driven to present these exquisite delights from down under to the world over. As ever, there are many, many more Australian and other South Sea pearl gift ideas on our web site.
A rope-length South Sea pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of twenty-two, white South Sea pearls measuring from 10 to 12mm, connected with 14K yellow gold chain. Shown on the model as a triple strand. Length 66 inches. $6,800. 33 Inch opera-length. $3,400.

A cultured pearl and gold drop earring. Composed of two AAA quality Japanese Akoya cultured pearls per earring measuring 8mm each, mounted in a 14K yellow drop setting. $500.
A pair of cultured pearl earrings. Each composed of a single natural color Japanese Akoya cultured pearl measuring approximately 9mm, mounted in 18K yellow gold. $600.

A single strand South Sea cultured pearl necklace. Composed of 33 graduated cultured pearls measuring approximately from 10 to 11mm, completed by an 18K white gold safety clasp. Length 16 inches. $8,800.

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A pair of Australian south sea pearl earclips. Each composed of a single natural color south sea cultured pearl measuring 12.5mm, artfully studded with 10 round brilliant diamonds weighing .30 carats, mounted in 18K yellow gold. $5,000.
A pair of South Sea cultured pearl and diamond drop earrings. Each composed of a baroque shape white South Sea cultured pearl measuring 11mm, suspended from a round brilliant diamond, .08 carats t.d.w., mounted in 18K white gold. $475.

An opera-length Tahitian, freshwater and south sea multicolor Baroque pearl necklace. Composed of 36 inches of 7 to 15mm natural color black, orange, lavender, golden and white cultured pearls, completed with an 18K white gold safety clasp. Length 36 inches. $3,200.

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A golden South Sea cultured pearl pendant necklace. Composed of 3 graduating natural color golden South Sea cultured pearls measuring 10, 11 and 12mm, completed with an 18K yellow gold chain. Length 18 inches. $4,800.

A single strand golden South Sea cultured pearl necklace. Composed of graduating natural color golden South Sea cultured pearls measuring from 10 to 12mm, completed with a 10mm 18K yellow gold pavé-set ball clasp with diamonds weighing 1.1 carats t.d.w. Length 16 inches. $9,400.

A golden South Sea cultured pearl ring. Composed of a single natural color cultured pearl measuring approximately 10mm, mounted in 18K yellow gold. $1,800.

A pair of golden cultured pearl earrings. Each composed of a single natural color golden Indonesian South Sea cultured pearl measuring 10mm, mounted in 18K yellow gold. $1,800.
A single strand golden South Sea cultured pearl necklace. Composed of graduating natural color golden South Sea cultured pearls measuring from 10 to 13.5mm, completed with a 12mm 18k yellow gold pavé-set ball clasp with diamonds weighing 2.4 carats t.d.w. Length 16 inches. $35,000.

A Pair of golden south sea Earclips. Each composed of a single natural color golden south sea cultured pearl measuring 13mm within a round diamond pavé-set surround, the diamonds weighing approximately 3.4 carats, mounted in 18k yellow gold. $12,000.

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An opera-length multicolor South Sea Pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of thirty Golden and White South Sea pearls measuring from 9mm to 9.5mm, connected with 14K yellow gold chain. Length 48 inches. $3,900. Shown on the model as a double strand.

A pair of mabe pearl and diamond earclips. Each composed of a white Australian mabe pearl measuring 13mm set within a diamond surround, .12 carats t.d.w., mounted in 18K yellow gold. $450.
An opera-length South Sea pearl necklace. Composed of graduated baroque shape white south sea cultured pearls measuring approximately from 9 to 12.5mm, completed by an 18K white gold safety clasp. Length 34 inches. $5,800.

An opera-length Tahitian multicolor South Sea pearl necklace. Composed of 36 inches of 10 to 12mm natural color black Tahitian cultured pearls, completed with an 18K white gold safety clasp.

A pair of South Sea pearl and diamond earclips. Each composed of a white Australian south sea pearl measuring 12.25mm set within a diamond surround, 1.35 carats t.d.w., mounted in 18K white gold. $5,500.
A rope-length South Sea pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of twenty-two, white South Sea pearls measuring from 10 to 12mm, connected with 14K yellow gold chain. Shown on the model as a triple strand. Length 66 inches. $6,800. 33 Inch opera-length. $3,400.

A rope-length Tahitian pearl and gold station necklace. Composed of twenty-two, black Tahitian South Sea pearls measuring from 10 to 12mm, connected with 14K white gold chain. Shown on the model as a triple strand. Length 66 inches. $5,500. 33 Inch opera-length. $2,750.

A cultured pearl and gold drop earring. Composed of two AAA quality Japanese Akoya cultured pearls per earring measuring 8mm each, mounted in a 14K yellow drop setting. $500.