

**Traditions from Around the World:  
Birthstones, Flowers and Colors**

The birthstones tradition can be traced back to the first century. The stones were used in the breastplate of Jewish High Priests.

The breast plate full of stones, symbolised 12 Israel tribes. Each stone was dedicated to one of the 12 months.

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| **Month** | **Flower** | **Stone** | **Meaning** | **Colors** |
| **January** | Carnation, Snowdrop | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/garnet.gif Garnet, Emerald, Rose Quartz. | Loyalty, Constancy | Black, Dark Blue, Dark Red |
| **February** | Violet, Primrose | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/amethyst.gif Amethyst, Bloodstone, Onyx, Moonstone. | Sincerity | Light Blue, Yellow and purple |
| **March** | Jonquil, Violet | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/aquamarine.gif Aquamarine, Bloodstone, Jade, Rock Crystal. | Courage | White, Light Blue |
| **April** | Sweet Pea, Daisy | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/diamond.gif Diamond, Opal, Quartz, White Sapphire. | Innocence | Yellow, Red and colorless |
| **May** | Lily of the Valley, Hawthorne | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/emerald.gif Emerald, Sapphire, Agate, Chrysoprase, Beryl. | Success in Love | Yellow, Red and green |
| **June** | Rose | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/pearl.gif Pearl, Moonstone, Alexandrite, Agate, Opal. | Good Health | Light Blue, White and cream |
| **July** | Delphinium, Larkspur, Water Lily | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/ruby.gif Ruby, Carnelian. | Happiness, Contented Mind | Green, Russet and red |
| **August** | Gladiolus, Poppy | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/peridot.gif Sardonyx, Peridot, Diamond, Jade, Sapphire. | Friendship, Conjugal Felicity | Orange, Red and light green |
| **September** | Aster, Morning Glory | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/sapphire.gif Sapphire, Agate, Moonstone, Lapis Lazuli, Diamond, Chrsolite. | Shrewdness, Love, Clear Thinking | Brown, deep blue |
| **October** | Marigold, Calendula, Cosmos | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/opal.gif Opal, Tourmaline, Jasper, Zircon, Aquamarine. | Hope | White, Yellow and varied |
| **November** | Chrysanthemum | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/citrine.gif Citrine, Yellow Topaz, Pearl, Topaz, Diamond. | Fidelity, Faithfulness | Dark Blue, Red and yellow |
| **December** | Daffodil, Narcissus, Holly | http://www.birthdaycelebrations.net/topaz.gif Blue Topaz, Turquoise, Zircon, Lapis Lazuli, Onyx, Ruby. | Prosperity | Indigo, Green, greenish-blue |