



# it's in the stars

Ten Thousand Things has teamed up with two astrology experts to make out-of-this-world necklaces.

Think moons in the seventh house and Jupiter aligning with Mars are best left to sixties lyrics? Maybe a gold-and-diamond necklace will change your mind. Even resolute historical materialists—and skeptical Capricorns—will melt at the sight of these AsterCast Stellium necklaces, created by the cult jewelry designers Ten Thousand Things (Ron Anderson and David Rees) and the duo behind *Sextrology* (Stella Starsky and Quinn Cox), a wildly popular astrology tome whose straightforward attitude has been embraced by the chic set. (Starsky and Cox have even mounted “cosmic clinics” at shops like Marc Jacobs and Colette.)

The divine results of this collaboration (the four are old friends) rest literally on the revival of that strange half-loop known as the charm holder. Here it's rendered in 18K gold and ready to show off a variety of exquisitely wrought, custom-made zodiac-theme baubles displaying French enamel, semiprecious stones, and pavé diamonds to spectacular effect.

The idea behind AsterCast jewelry, according to Stella Starsky (no, not her real name; she describes it as her astrology handle), is “to represent how personal astrology can be with a gorgeous, refined necklace.”

Each Stellium necklace (available in the United States exclusively at Barneys and retailing from \$2,400) features a quintet of charms representing your star sign, its color, your number, your birthstone, and your ruling planet. But what if the combination you were born to isn't the symbol or stone of your dreams? In short, what if you're a Leo who's stuck with a wimpy watery-green peridot but have always longed to be a fire-opal Libra?

No worries, promises Ten Thousand Things' Rees: “Whatever charms you want on your necklace are absolutely up to you. Each element is made in a different way, but they all look great together.”

And even Starsky, whose life work it is to interpret planets and rising signs, is refreshingly nondoctrinaire: “There's no right or wrong. The idea is to create a necklace that feels like yourself, so it would naturally be grounded in your actual astrological stats. But there's so much latitude. Even though I'm a Capricorn, I myself have Aquarius envy, so one day, maybe, I'll add something that means Aquarius to my Stellium!” —LYNN YAEGER *view* >218

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THEME  
ASTERCAST  
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