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Zodiac Inspired Jewellery: **ARIES**

Those born under the astrological sign of Aries (March 21 - April 19) are thought to be independent, enthusiastic, and courageous – and such a group would naturally want jewellery that is just as unique.

Aries is the first of the zodiac signs, and coincides with the spring equinox (the date when day and night are of equal length). This was historically considered an auspicious day, and ancient Egyptians sacrificed rams to the gods to ensure a prosperous new year. The ram was a fitting offering for a bright future, as its coat can be shorn and still grow again.



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Designer Gianni Melas captured the power of the ram in this imaginative ring. An unusual design element: a cabochon ruby is set opposite the rams' heads, on the outside of the bottom of the shank.



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The ram is a powerful image: it is majestic, bold, and fierce. Rams live in the mountains, navigate steep trails, and settle arguments by - pun intended - ramming into each other. Such dramatic traits make them appealing material for jewellery designers. This scrimshaw of a ram's head captures the intensity of the animal. Fine details like the animal's hair and the striated lines in the horns required the hand of a master craftsman.



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A gold and enamel ram's head brooch from England (circa 1850) shows the timeless appeal of the ram. This is another piece with an impressive amount of detail – notice the fine lines that make up the horns and the hair.



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Aries are an independent and courageous bunch, well suited to wear Tony Duquette's "Pond Scum" necklace. Its many colours of green come courtesy of malachite stalactite slices, peridot beads, and emerald beads. These green gems are accented by citrine.

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What better way to celebrate Aries' independent and passionate spirit than with these "Give Her your Heart, the Moon, and Stars" earrings that celebrate the night sky featuring a pave diamond heart and 26 multi-coloured hand-cut sapphire stars. Designed by Lesley Weinberg.

If you're an Aries, you're in luck – there are plenty of inspired jewellery choices to match your personality. While wearing an image of a ram may not suite your taste, being bold in what you wear can help capture the essence of your zodiac sign.



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