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QUEEN'S JUBILEE SPECIAL

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Above from left: **VW Flag**, by Vivienne Westwood for The Rug Company, £2,495. **Garrard white gold and sapphire pendant**, £5,000. **Solar Queen from Maiden**, £17.50. **Chopard diamond tiara**, £229,240. **Butler & Wilson crystal crown brooch**, £48. Below: **Astley Clarke white and rose gold jubilee-marked diamond rings**, from £1,150.



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some nice purses and wallets (£85) in red leather with a gold coronet.

Jewellers, of course, are having a field day, partly because the crowns, orbs and sceptres are such intrinsically attractive symbols, brilliantly suited to the world of gold and precious stones, but also because there will be a special commemorative hallmark on the jewellery, which theoretically should make the pieces more valuable and collectable in the future. In the history of hallmarking there have only ever been five other commemorative marks. At Garrard they've come up with an attractive Jubilee pendant in 18-carat white, yellow or rose gold. It's in the shape of a crown topped with an orb and is offered with any one of 12 birthstones (from £4,750). Astley Clarke has taken the "Girls of Great Britain and Ireland Tiara", which was given to Queen Mary on her wedding day and which she in turn gave to her granddaughter, the future Queen Elizabeth II on her wedding day, as its inspiration – the result is a collection of waved band rings in 18-carat gold (pictured below, from £1,150). Theo Fennell has produced a Coronet collection that includes 18-carat gold rings topped with crowns, orbs and crosses (from £11,900) and set with diamonds, topaz, amethyst, rubellite and citrine, and a desirable heart-shaped 18-carat gold pendant topped with a crown (pictured on previous page, £12,500), decorated with diamonds, amethyst, ruby and tsavorite.

Selfridges is having fun with its tiara shop, opened as part of its Big British Bang jubilee celebrations – tiaras, it points out, are one of the most charming symbols of royalty. The stock is all-embracing, from a range created for it by H&M, at £14.99, through numbers by Tatty Divine (from £50) and Butler & Wilson (crown brooch pictured above, £48) to designs by serious jewellers such as Tiffany (diamond and platinum tiara pictured on



previous page, price on request), Boucheron (Queen of Bulgaria crown pictured on previous page, £1,000) and Chopard (diamond tiara pictured above, £229,240).

Then there's the Union Jack. There is scarcely an object you can think of that somebody hasn't put this emblem on. Most noteworthy are David Linley's limited-edition Britannia Boxes (from £3,900), Vivienne Westwood's wonderful flag for The Rug Company (pictured above, £2,495) and Fabulous Furniture's ensign-bedecked chair (£299).

And for those whose taste leans more to the kitsch, Fortnum & Mason has a splendid tin of Cornish Clotted Cream Digestives that plays "God Save the Queen" (£12.95), Ben Pentreath with Francis Terry has produced Jubilee tea towels (pictured on previous page, £8), while Vanessa Fristedt, of the cheeky Swedish Blonde Design website, has a brilliant collection of Cockney Jewels, all handmade. Fristedt may be Swedish, but her home is filled with evidence of her love of Britain's pomp and circumstance, with medals hanging in the hall and a model of the Queen Mother on her mantelpiece. The Old Broad Bean (rhyming slang for Queen) Collection is fashioned from lacquered broad beans with collages of royal portraits (do NOT put in water). Cuff links featuring portraits of members of the royal family are just £15, while a "pearl" necklace with a portrait pendant is £20. Even CultureLabel, the website selling objects in partnership with some 650 galleries and museums, has a solar-powered figure of the Queen (£14.99), with pearls, handbag and her signature wave, the result of a collaboration between Chris Collicott and the Saatchi Gallery. You can also get a fancier edition of Her Majesty in a purple dress with a crown and a "diamond" brooch (pictured above, £17.50) at Maiden. Fun and wit, rather than the expensive and the precious, are what many of this year's coolest souvenirs are all about. ♦

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