



Inspired By India

How India Transformed Global Design

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"It's a fascinating journey, and with pages featuring brilliant images of rubies, emeralds, and Jaipur enamel work, it's a true feast for the eyes."

— **Natural Diamonds**

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The stunning ***Inspired by India*** also includes rich visual imagery from leading museum and gallery archives, as well as the archives of the world's greatest luxury houses and renowned fashion designers, including Dries Van Noten, Alexander McQueen, and John Galiano.

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