



*Welcome to Month #7 of
"Diamonds & Drama Queens"*

Incredible beauty is often accompanied by incredible stories.

Welcome to our third month of *Diamonds & Drama Queens* Block of the Month! I'm delighted to introduce you to a woman who created a life on her own terms, Doris Duke.

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Our Next Drama Queen



Intro images: Doris Duke and an antique French-cut diamond ring

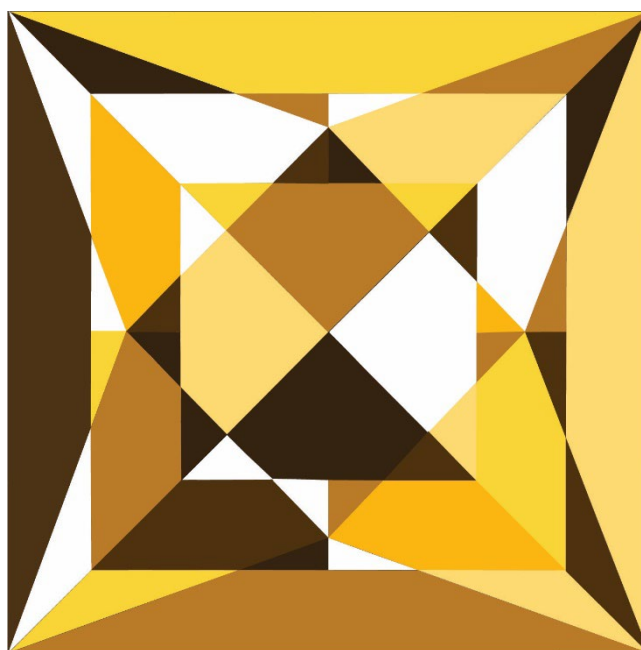
Above: Doris Duke

Our *Diamonds & Drama Queens* pattern this month is inspired by Doris Duke, the woman who became the richest little girl in the world at the age of 12 when her father and tobacco magnate, James Buchanan Duke, died.

The gem that inspires our pattern is a lovely ring set with an antique French-cut diamond surrounded by onyx. I'd like to think it is similar to a piece that Buck Duke might have given Doris' mother, or one given to her by her new husband, Argentinian playboy Porfiro Rubirosa.



One of the many spectacular pieces in Doris Duke's jewelry collection.



The Pattern: "The Duke Diamond"

The pattern showcases the square shape and lovely facets of the gem that inspired it.