



*Turquoise is in all the things I love and decorate with. My turquoise and silver necklaces, bracelets, rings, pins, fringe jackets become my decorations—in bowls, on tables, on peg racks—never lost in a drawer or closet!*

*—Mary Emmerling*

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I have always wondered what makes you buy the one turquoise bracelet out of the 5,000 bracelets at a show.

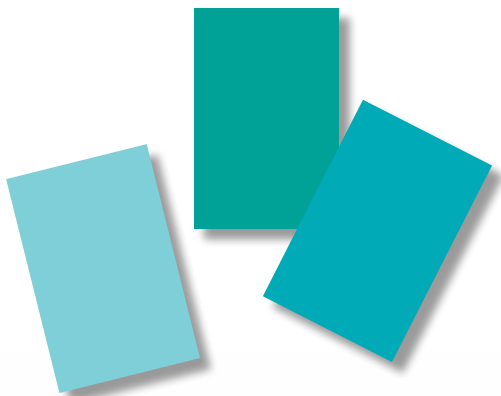


## the allure

### **Is it the amount of turquoise and silver?**

The color of the turquoise? One of my first finds was a ring, Navajo made, bright and shiny. Over time, the oils in my touch of this natural stone changed its color—it became darker, but no less beautiful. Most stones today have been stabilized, making them impervious to the elements.

Now, I was never very good in my chemistry class, but the colors of the turquoise and how they happened over millions of years fascinates me. Premier Santa Fe jeweler Doug Magnus invited a party of friends to his mines in New Mexico, and talk about thrilling! The enormous opening went a hundred feet straight into the solid rock, then there were some shafts leading straight down. There were piles of rock at the mouth. Hammer stones were used by the prehistoric native miners to literally pound their way to the treasured turquoise, and some of this precious stone made its way thousand of miles along the turquoise trail.



# think **color** in your **home**

**IT DOESN'T** need to be a perfect paint job to give your room or patio a color lift.



**PERSONALIZE** a bulb with glue and glitter.

**REPAINT ANY** wooden candlestick in a vintage style.



**HANDMADE** pillows make great gifts. Scarves and other textiles can be turned into pillows in no time at all.



**DOODLING** in color is more fun than with a pencil.

