



Sparkling Swarovski

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They say diamonds are a girl's best friend, but we know that anything sparkly will get a lady's pulse racing. Rihanna, the pop sensation, recently commissioned a 5ft by 5ft portrait of Marilyn Monroe made entirely out of Swarovski crystals (over 66,000 of them!). Gemstone Creative – the company who take whatever you want and put it in shiny sparkly form – was the brains behind the operation. All their pieces are 100 per cent unique, meaning that no two pieces will ever be the same. But they are not just about creating iconic pieces; they love to create bespoke pieces for something more personal, for example using family members or a cherished object. We're thinking of getting a Birkin portrait for the office. We hear Tamara Ecclestone has a Gemstone Creative crystal portrait of Jay-Z hanging in her Kensington home. But if we were to pick any, it would be Barack Obama's portrait for his 50th birthday today. Happy Birthday Barack!



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