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# Just your style

Win a handmade tanzanite ring, designed by a master craftsman, worth R48 000

**Most jewellery** is mass-produced. But Kai Schmidt is one of a few jewellers who makes his designs by hand, following ancient traditions.

You could be the lucky winner of one of his exclusive designs, a white gold, tanzanite (with blue overtone) and diamond Victorian cluster ring. Kai's thinking is that: 'It's always a pleasure and challenge to work with a stone as beautiful as this cushion-cut tanzanite. The cut is a refreshing alternative to the usual oval or round-cut tanzanite – this stone has excellent clarity and colour specifications, weighing 2,62 carats. The idea was to create a modern "royal" design showing off this stone at its best. The tanzanite was the starting point, and the structure of the piece moulds itself around it. We chose 18 carat white gold, which highlights and frames the beauty of a tanzanite.

The ring is box set with the tanzanite having a lozenge-shape surround – I chose larger diamonds at four points, with 12 smaller diamonds in between, which splash up light. The round diamonds weigh 0,51 carats, their whiteness complimenting the tanzanite. The stones are housed in a Victorian-style cluster setting with a scalloped border, giving it a timeless quality. The finished piece has a magnificence

and solidity about it that only handmade jewellery resonates.'

Kai qualified under the apprenticeship of his father, himself a master goldsmith who trained in Germany. All his designs are made by hand, using processes that haven't changed over 5 000 years, except that now the stones are cut by machines. By using mostly medieval methods, Kai feels that quality standards are upheld.

He opened his business in Parktown, Joburg 10 years ago, and he also has a shop in Franschhoek, called Kai Schmidt. Both have a strong emphasis on artistry, precise workmanship and service delivery. Many of his staff joined as apprentices and have worked their way up to craftsmen. Kai believes it's important to keep abreast of the latest trends and to understand the needs of the client. So, he typically spends a few hours in consultation with his clients, discussing and drawing their designs to suit their requirements. His exacting standards, fine attention to detail and superb craftsmanship has seen Kai build up a strong clientele, in SA and overseas.

For info, contact Kai Schmidt in Joburg on (011) 484-7777/80, Cape Town on (021) 876-2633 or visit [www.kaischmidt.co.za](http://www.kaischmidt.co.za).

Victorian cluster  
Ring

(2.62cts) Tanzanite sq. cush.  
(8.38 x 8.36 mm)

16 x r/b's  
(0.51 cts)



18 ct W  
Size M

**To win this fantastic prize, answer the following question:**

**What is the colour of tanzanite?**

Send your answer and contact details to *Femina* / Kai Schmidt win, PO Box 2894, Cape Town, 8000; or e-mail one entry per e-mail (with 'Kai Schmidt competition' in the subject line) to [competition@assocmags.co.za](mailto:competition@assocmags.co.za) or send an SMS to 33818 with Femina Answer Your name. SMSs charged at R1,50 across all networks. Entries close 31 January 2006.





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