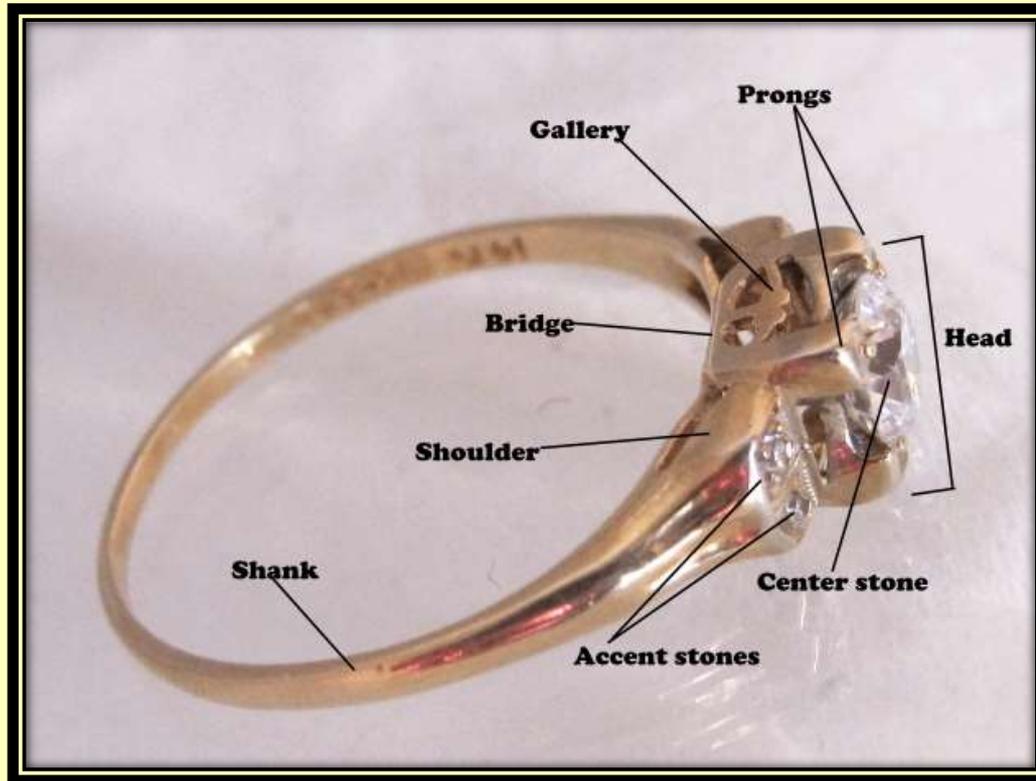


# Talk About Your Rings Like a Pro



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Are you familiar with jeweler's terminology for the all the parts of a ring?

**This is a quick and easy guide to jeweler-speak about rings.**

It will enable you to talk like a pro when referring to the parts of your rings!

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The **head** is the part of the ring holding the center stone. The center stone is typically secured with **prongs**.

**Side stones** are any stones on either side of the center stone.

**Accent stones** are any other stones in other areas of the ring.

The **gallery** is the “cradle” (if any) underneath the center stone. It can feature accent stones and elaborate decoration.

The **bridge** is the underlying structure that connects the sides of the gallery together.

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As you can clearly see, what the general public commonly calls the band of a ring is known as the **shank** in jeweler-speak.

A **split shank** (also called a **bypass shank**) is just that: a shank that splits into two separate parts, typically midway up either side of a common shank.

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The **mounting** refers to the entire metal area of the ring without stones.

If the mounting has areas for stones on either side of the center stone, it is called a **semi-mounting**.

The **setting** is type of ring mounting. Settings can be simple **solitaire** settings where there is only one stone.

Settings can be elaborate **cluster** types that hold many stones. They can also be anything in between solitaire and cluster types!

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## **Additional setting types:**

In an **Illusion** setting, metalwork around a center diamond makes it seem it seem larger than it is.

In an **Invisible** setting, you can't see any visible means of stone attachment to the mounting on the surface. Multiple princess cut and square cut stones are often set this way.

A **Tension** setting utilizes pressure from both sides of the mounting to hold a stone or stones in place.

**Bonus term:** If the center stone is encircled by accent stones, those stones form a **halo**.

A halo is typically round or square, but can be any shape.

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