

CUSHION SHAPED HEARTS AND ARROWS GEMSTONE AND METHOD

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new cushion shaped diamond which will yield a hearts and arrows pattern comparable to the hearts and arrows pattern generated in a perfectly symmetrical round shaped gemstone when the diamond is in the presence of light.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

No known gemstone currently exists having a rounded geometry with four curvilinear sides representing the long sides of the diamond which are interconnected to one another by four curvilinear corner sides of equal radius and a substantially square shaped table facet with the gemstone further possessing a multiplicity of subsidiary pavilion half facets which will yield a hearts and arrows pattern when subjected to light comparable to the hearts and arrows pattern generated in a perfectly symmetrical round shaped gemstone.

The cushion shaped diamond of the subject invention has a rounded geometry with four curvilinear long sides of substantially equal length interconnected by four curvilinear corner sides of equal radius with the four long sides of the diamond comprised of two pairs with each pair having parallel sides and with the diamond having a faceted girdle of varying thickness. In addition, the cushion shaped diamond has four main crown facets two of which lie adjacent each parallel

pair, four main crown facets on the corner sides and sixteen crown half facets surrounding the four sides of the diamond. In addition, each main crown facet preferably has 10 girdle facets while each corner side preferably has 7 girdle facets.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The cushion shaped diamond of the subject invention comprises the following facets:

- 4 main crown facets of substantially equal geometry and dimension on the four long sides of the diamond
- 4 main crown facets of substantially equal geometry and dimension on the corner sides of the diamond
- 8 crown star facets on the main crown sides adjacent the square shaped sides of the table facet
- 16 crown half facets
- 1 square shaped table facet
- 40 girdle facets on the four long sides of the diamond
- 28 girdle facets on corner sides
- 8 main pavilion facets
- 16 pavilion half facets

- 4 subsidiary pavilion facets on the four long sides of the diamond

- 16 subsidiary pavilion half facets

Total facets including girdle facets = 145

Total facets excluding girdle facets = 77

The proportions of the design are as follows:

- Total depth: 67.5% - 75%

- Crown height: 14% - 16.8%

- Pavilion depth: 51.0% - 53.7%

- Table size: 53.0% - 58.5%

- Girdle thickness: 2.5% - 7.5%

- Length/width ratio: 1.0 - 1.007

- Main Crown angle degree range: 34.2-35.1

- Corner main crown angle degree range: 33.7-34.8

- Main pavilion angle degree range: 40.6 - 41.1

- Subsidiary pavilion angle degree range: 63-67.5

- Pavilion halves angle degree range: 64.5 - 70.5

The faceting pattern of the cushion shaped diamond of the subject invention will yield a clear and perfectly symmetrical hearts and arrows pattern when the above facet arrangement and proportions are satisfied.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a top plan view of a gemstone showing my new design;

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view thereof; and

FIG. 3 is a bottom plan view thereof.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

As shown in the drawings, the cushion shaped diamond gemstone 5 of the subject invention has four curvilinear long sides 10, 12, 14 and 16 and four corner sides 18, 20, 22 and 24 of equal radius interconnecting the four curvilinear long sides. Each of the four long sides 10, 12, 14 and 16 has a slight curvature but is otherwise substantially straight and equal in length to one another so that the diamond forms a rounded shape geometry in combination with the four curvilinear corner sides 18, 20, 22 and 24 of equal radius. The two long sides 10 and 14 form a pair which lie in parallel and the two long sides 12 and 16 form a pair which lie in parallel. The four corner sides 18, 20, 22 and 24 are equal in dimension having a length significantly shorter than the comparative length of the four long sides 10, 12, 14 and 16. The four long sides 10, 12, 14 and 16 and the four corner sides 18, 20, 22 and 24 have a faceted girdle G of varying thickness as shown in figure 2.

In addition, the gemstone 5 comprises one square shaped table facet TF having a beveled end on each of its 4 corners with the four beveled corners of the table facet TF positioned adjacent the 4 main crown facets MCF5, MCF6, MCF7 and MCF8 on the corner sides of the diamond. Another four main crown facets MCF1, MCF2, MCF3 and MCF4 lie on the four long sides and 4 main crown facets MCF5, MCF6, MCF7 and MCF8 on the corner sides. The 4 main crown facets MCF1, MCF2, MCF3 and MCF4 on the long sides are different in geometry and shape from the four main crown facets MCF5, MCF6, MCF7 and MCF8 on the corner sides, i.e., the distance between opposite longitudinal ends of the main crown facets MCF1, MCF2, MCF3 and MCF4 on the long sides are substantially greater than the distance between opposite longitudinal ends of the main crown facets MCF5, MCF6, MCF7 and MCF8 on the corner sides. Moreover, the 4 main crown facets MCF1, MCF2, MCF3 and MCF4 have only four sides whereas the four main crown facets MCF5, MCF6, MCF7 and MCF8 on the corner sides have five sides. Accordingly, the 4 main crown facets MCF1, MCF2, MCF3 and MCF4 on the long sides have a quadrilateral geometry and the 4 main crown facets MCF5, MCF6, MCF7 and MCF8 on the corner sides have a pentagon shape and is substantially smaller in area than the area of the 4 main crown facets MCF1, MCF2, MCF3 and MCF4 on the long sides. There are also 16 crown half facets β_1 - β_{16} surrounding the diamond main crown facet sides and eight star facets α_1 - α_8 surrounding the table facet TF. Moreover, as shown in figure 3, the gemstone 5 further comprises four subsidiary pavilion facets SPF1, SPF2, SPF3 and SPF4 on the long sides and 16 subsidiary

pavilion half facets SHF1- SHF16 surrounding the diamond. In addition the gemstone 5 includes 8 main pavilion facets MPF1-MPF8 and 16 pavilion half facets PHF1-PHF16 respectively. The subsidiary facets that are placed on the pavilion side allow for the gemstone 5 to be graded as "ideal" by the various Diamond Grading Institutes such as the Gemological Institute of America "GIA", the American Gemological Society "AGS" and the De Beers "Forevermark" Laboratory. Each main crown facet on one of the long sides has 10 girdle facets resulting in a total of 40 girdle facets on the long sides while each corner side has 7 girdle facets resulting in a total of 28 girdle facets on the corner sides, respectively.

The hearts and arrows pattern generated by the cushion shaped diamond gemstone 5 of the subject invention forms 8 perfectly symmetrical arrows and 8 perfectly symmetrical hearts when visually observed through a conventional scope as used by those skilled in the art in the presence of light.

The relationship and alignment between adjacent facets and between all crown and pavilion facets are paramount to yield a hearts and arrows pattern. All of the pavilion half facets and crown half facets have to be perfectly aligned with each other and the pavilion half facets should join each other at a point P. The design symmetry requirement is such that the polished diamond should obtain an Excellent grade by the various diamond grading institute. Any deviation from the design faceting pattern and any and/or all substantial deviation from the angle degree

ranges set forth in the aforementioned proportions of the design may result in a light refraction pattern and brilliance level that will not yield a hearts and arrows pattern.

The cushion shaped design of the subject invention yields a brilliance level comparative to the brilliance level of perfectly cut round shaped gemstones and can score a brilliance mark higher than the highest possible mark on the various brilliance scopes used within the diamond industry comparative or better than the brilliance result with the most perfectly cut round diamonds.

What is claimed is:

1. A cushion cut diamond having a symmetrical rounded shaped geometry with four curvilinear long sides interconnected to one another by four curvilinear corner sides of equal radius with the diamond possessing a hearts and arrows pattern characteristic of the true hearts and arrows pattern in a round cut diamond when subjected to light comprising: a substantially square shaped table facet with four cut corners, 4 main crown facets of substantially equal geometry and dimension on the four long sides of the diamond, 4 main crown facets of substantially equal geometry and dimension on the four corner sides of the diamond with the area of the 4 main crown facets on the long sides being substantially greater than the area of the 4 main crown facets on the corner sides, 8 crown star facets on the main crown sides adjacent the square shaped sides of the table facet, 16 crown half facets, 8 main pavilion facets, 16 pavilion half facets, 4 subsidiary pavilion facets, 16 subsidiary pavilion half facets and multiple girdle facets on both the long and corner sides of the diamond.

2. A cushion cut diamond as defined in claim 1 wherein the four curvilinear long sides are substantially equal in length and are arranged in pairs with each pair having parallel sides.

3. A cushion cut diamond as defined in claim 2 wherein the four main crown facets disposed on the long sides of the diamond have a quadrilateral geometry and the four main crown facets disposed on the corner sides form a pentagon shape.

4. A cushion cut diamond as defined in claim 3 wherein the girdle facets vary in thickness from 2.5%- 7.5%.

5. A cushion cut diamond as defined in claim 4 wherein there are 40 girdle facets on the four long sides of the diamond and 28 girdle facets on the four corner sides.

6. A cushion cut diamond as defined in claim 3 wherein the main pavilion facets meet at a common point.

7. A cushion cut diamond as defined in claim 6 wherein the main crown facets, pavilion facets and corner facets have the following cut angles:

main pavilion angle degree range: 40.6° - 41.1°

main crown angle degree range: 34.2° - 35.1° and

corner main crown angle degree range: 33.7° - 34.8°.

8. A cushion cut diamond as defined in claim 7 wherein the subsidiary pavilion facets and the pavilion halve facets have the following cut angles:

subsidiary pavilion angle degree range: 63° - 67.5°

pavilion halve angle degree range: 64.5° - 70.5°

9. A method for polishing a diamond for forming a cushion cut which will display a hearts and arrows pattern characteristic of the true hearts and arrows pattern in a round cut diamond when subjected to light comprising the steps of: polishing the diamond into a symmetrical rounded shaped geometry having four curvilinear long sides and four curvilinear corner sides of equal radius with the four curvilinear corner sides of equal radius interconnecting the four curvilinear long sides to form the rounded shape; forming 4 main crown facets of substantially equal geometry and dimension on the four long sides of the diamond and 4 main crown facets of an equal geometry and dimension on the four corner sides with the main crown facets on the corner sides being substantially different in geometry and size from the four main crown facets formed on the long sides; forming a substantially square shaped table facet with four cut corners adjacent to the 4 main crown facets on the corner sides; forming 8 crown star facets on the main crown sides adjacent the square shaped sides of the table facet; 16 crown halve facets surrounding the four long side and four corner sides of the diamond; 8 main pavilion facets, 16 pavilion half facets, 4 subsidiary pavilion facets, 16 subsidiary pavilion half facets and multiple girdle facets on both the long and corner sides of the diamond.

10- A method as defined in claim 9 wherein the total depth of the cushion cut is between 67.5% - 75% and wherein $\text{total depth in \%} = \text{height/width} \times 100$.

11. A method as defined in claim 10 wherein each main crown facet on one of the long sides has 10 girdle facets resulting in a total of 40 girdle facets on the long sides and each corner side has 7 girdle facets resulting in a total of 28 girdle facets on the corner sides, respectively.