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# Princess

IT'S NOT ALWAYS  
A FAIRYTALE, BUT  
A PRINCESS'S  
WORLD CAN BE  
EXCITING. WE LOOK  
AT THE ROYAL  
WOMEN WHO ARE  
TRANSFORMING  
THE MONARCHY



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## Jewels in the Crown

THESE BELOVED ROYAL WOMEN MAKE THE MONARCHY PROUD

Being a princess in the Royal Family doesn't mean you're locked up in an ivory tower. Rather, women – when they aren't ruling like our monarch, Queen Elizabeth, the indomitable Queen Elizabeth I or Queen Victoria – are ambassadors for crown and country.

For previous generations, that has meant everything from championing a cause to marrying for political expediency, notes royal history expert Carolyn Harris.

Today's royal women can choose the person they want to marry, even a commoner. They are also encouraged to find their own paths; Zara Tindall and princesses Eugenie and Beatrice all attended university, have travelled and are following their interests in different fields.

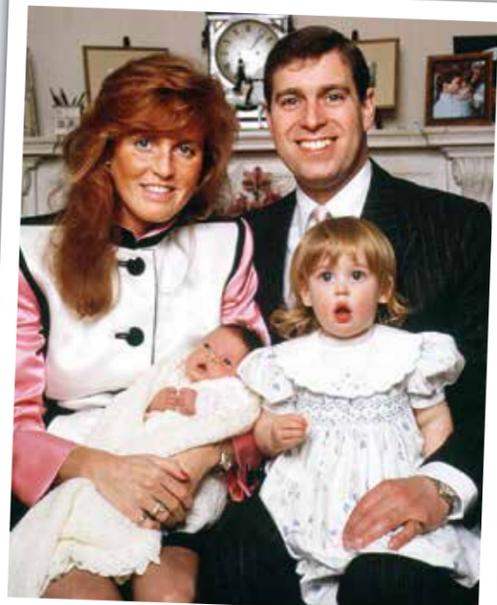
As daughter of the future King, Princess Charlotte may not have the same freedom as her female relatives, but she will have an all-star roster of role models, including mother Kate, to learn from.



**PRINCESS ELIZABETH**  
 Like most daughters of aristocracy in the early 20th century, Princess Elizabeth (here, with Princess Margaret in 1935) was educated at home by a governess. When their father became King, however, the future Queen (inset, in 1945) received lessons from the provost of Eton College.

**PRINCESS ANNE**  
 Royal women have always been expected to engage in philanthropic work. Princess Anne (from top: her christening in 1950, at Balmoral in 1952 and here at 21) is the best modern example of this dedication. She works with close to 200 charities and other groups and carries out about 500 engagements a year. ▶

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**PRINCESS BEATRICE**

The elder daughter of Prince Andrew and the Duchess of York (above, in 1990), Beatrice (far left, in 2011) is seventh in line to the throne and has no official royal duties. She's active with numerous charities, and Beatrice, who has dyslexia, is patron of the Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre.

**PRINCESS EUGENIE**

Even if they don't represent the monarch, princesses are seen as representing the monarchy and its values. When Eugenie wore a gorgeous Vivienne Westwood gown in 2011 (near left), she was flying the flag for British designers. Below: the princesses in 1993 and with their parents in 2006.



**ZARA PHILLIPS**

Her mother, Princess Anne, didn't want her children to have royal titles, but mother of one Zara (here at her wedding to Mike Tindall in 2011) did inherit the Queen's love of horses and has become an Olympic medallist (inset, all three royal horsewomen).



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# A Royal Jewelry Box

WE LOOK AT THE GLITTERING GEMS PRINCESS CHARLOTTE MAY WEAR



Sharing is caring in the Royal Family – at least when it comes to jewelry. The Queen will often lend favourite pieces to her loved ones, such as the Cartier Halo Tiara that Kate wore on her wedding day or the Girls of Great Britain and Ireland tiara, seen here on the monarch. Some of our other favourites include (right, top to bottom): the Lotus Flower tiara; the Grand Duchess Vladimir tiara; the Diamond Diadem the Queen wore to her 1953 coronation, and the Strathmore Rose tiara. As the granddaughter of the late Princess Diana, perhaps Charlotte will also have an opportunity to wear the Spencer diamond tiara. Cherished by Diana (above), it's in the collection of the Spencer family. 

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