



## *Danburite*

*8.75 carats*

*14.5 x 8.9mm cushion*

*Origin - Tanzania*

Take a moment ...and if you do, you will notice that even on “paper” this stone generates warmth and brilliance. It demands attention. Gems have the power to connect us with a feeling, a response to their incredible beauty. We are reminded of the astounding natural processes that create minerals, and when placed in skilled hands they become something as dynamic as this Danburite.

The original Danburite deposit, discovered in Danbury, Connecticut in 1839, is now buried below the city having never yielded gem-quality stones. Today, Mexico, while not the only location, has the most prolific Danburite mines.

Large, vivid-yellow, faceted Danburites like this are a needle in a haystack. Most are small and vary from colorless to a lackluster straw or beige. The yellow glow in this stone, unlike many yellow sapphires or citrines heated to obtain their hue, is natural.

While this 8.75 carat specimen is a collector’s gem because of its size and color, it is also a delight for jewelry lovers. With a hardness of 7 and a toughness wearable in rings, all of us can enjoy Danburite’s luster and sparkle.

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