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A gold-and-palladium brooch designed to suggest the nuclear structure of the atom and jewelled with fused earth taken from the testing area at Alamogordo, New Mexico, has been added to the exhibition of Modern Handmade Jewelry now on view at the Museum of Modern Art. As the exhibition is scheduled to close Sunday night, November 10, the "atomic" brooch will be on view for only four days.

The brooch is an interesting example of the use of scientific structure as the basis of decorative design. Curving elliptical and concentric bars of gold surround the inch-and-a-half oval-shaped atomsite suspended on palladium prongs in the center. In color and substance the atomsite resembles unpolished malachite.

The brooch has been designed by Mark Koven of New York, and has been lent to the exhibition by its owner Mrs. Dixon Stewart.