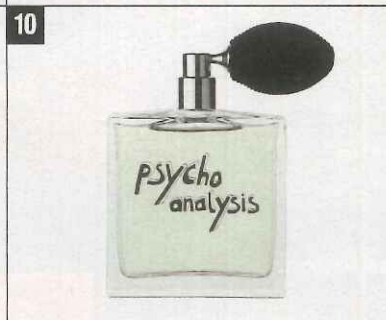


Shop! 12 SCENTS OF CHRISTMAS

What's on the beauty editor's list. By Lesley Thomas



1 Art Meets Art Besame Mucho eau de parfum

£63 for 50ml; artmeetsart.com
As sultry and jiggy as the song it is named after. With warm leather, soft iris, vetiver and zingy citrus, I'm expecting it to be more effective than mistletoe.

2 Sana Jardin Revolution de la Fleur eau de parfum

£180 for 100ml; harrods.com
A new favourite of mine. Very feminine without being girly, and just exotic enough, with jasmine, rose and sandalwood. Slightly euphoric. Be aware that absolutely everyone will want to know what you are wearing.

3 Chanel No 19 eau de parfum

£105 for 100ml; chanel.com
I just think we need to remind ourselves of this fragrance. It's been around for more than

50 years and still smells of Cool Clever Woman. It can also be subtly sexy, so good for date nights – especially for dates one to three.

4 Louis Vuitton Turbulences

£185 for 100ml; louisvuitton.com
Wear on date four and any time thereafter, should things go well. One of seven relatively new fragrances from the luxury fashion house. This is an intoxicating blend of tuberose, rose, musk and leather.

5 Floral Street Chypre Sublime eau de parfum

£55 for 50ml; harveynichols.com
It is unheard of to get a fragrance of this quality at this price. A romantic scent from the coolest new brand in town. It's woody, unashamedly floral and terribly moreish: if a scent could be a page-turner, it's this.

6 E Coudray Jacinthe et Rose eau de toilette

£65 for 100ml; houseoffraser.co.uk
This brand does impeccable florals that smell about three times their price. Jacinthe et Rose has been around since the Eighties and is a just-under-the-radar classic.

7 Jo Malone Red Roses Cologne

£90 for 100ml; jomalone.co.uk
Not quite as romantic as the name suggests: there is rose, of course, but it's fresh and green, with a slice of lemon

8 Vilhelm Parfumerie Harlem Bloom eau de parfum

£155 for 100ml; liberty.co.uk
A spicy, woody, sexy, oriental floral. Urban hotness.

9 Romilly Wilde Idle eau de parfum

£90 for 30ml; romillywilde.com
Beauty editors have fallen in love with this scent from this low-key,

independent brand. It's lightly musky, with cardamom and moss. There's something abstract about it. Notable longevity.

10 Bella Freud Psychoanalysis eau de parfum

£165; bellafreud.com
A beautifully dry scent of wood and tobacco flower. It's a moody fragrance for moody people.

11 Creed White Amber

£320 for 75ml; creedfragrances.co.uk
Yes it's pricey, but it's also exquisite. I swear I heard harps playing the first time I inhaled its jasmine, benzoin and amber notes.

12 L'Artisan Parfumeur Histoire d'Orangers eau de parfum

£109; artisanparfumeur.com
Smells like a successful minibreak in Marrakesh. ➔