

The Ten Best

Perfumes

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Tom Ford

Not content with his domination of the fashion industry, Ford has successfully branched out into the world of perfumery, and White Patchouli is his latest offering. The heady mix of rose, jasmine and patchouli will appeal to glamorous girls who want to get noticed.
Price: £38 for 30ml eau de parfum
08700 342566



Lancôme

Inspired by Lancôme's latest muse, the actress Anne Hathaway, Magnifique is an unusual combination of woody and floral notes. Rose and jasmine are combined with vetiver and sandalwood in a gorgeous ruby-red bottle.
Price: £29.50 for 30ml eau de parfum
www.lancome.co.uk



DKNY

Grapefruit, pomegranate, nectar and fig combine harmoniously with mimosa and gardenia in Women, a sparkling new offering from the American designer Donna Karan. Although the scent is pretty distinctive, it isn't overpowering, so you won't leave too much of a heady trail in your wake.
Price: £35 for 100ml eau de parfum
08700 342566



Chanel

As one of the most consistently popular fragrances since its inception in 1921, it was always going to be tough to improve upon No 5. But in my opinion, this new "lighter" version, Eau Première, is even lovelier. A truly modern classic.
Price: £95 for 150ml eau de parfum
020-7493 3836

Best Luxury Buy



Lolita Lempicka

Rendezvous, a new version of Lempicka's popular Midnight fragrance, is a sweet and intoxicating mix of jasmine, myrrh and vanilla. Collectors will love the purple apple-shaped bottle, with its golden swirls and hearts.
Price: £53 for 80ml eau de parfum
0845 688 3343

Best Buy

Space NK

While travelling through India, Space NK founder Nicky Kinnaird was inspired to create Champaca, a subtle scent with hints of vetiver, cedarwood, amber and musk. It shrouds the skin rather like incense, and transports one, if only in the imagination, to the wondrous temples of Rajasthan.
Price: £40 for 50ml eau de toilette
www.spacenk.com;
020-8740 2085



Estée Lauder

If warm, woody scents are your thing, you will love the new Sensuous from Estée Lauder. In its tactile bottle with rose-gold cap, this scent is romantic and nostalgic in equal measure, and will be flying off the shelves at Christmas.
Price: £30 for 30ml eau de parfum
www.esteelauder.co.uk

Lanvin

This pretty bottle contains a cocktail of blackberry, pear and citron, as well as freesia, sandalwood and musk. A collaboration between the artistic director Alber Elbaz and perfumer Anne Flipo, Jeanne is a tribute to the great couturier, Jeanne Lanvin.
Price: £38 for 50ml eau de parfum
08457 697072



Best Budget Buy

Girard

A major British perfume house at the turn of the last century, Girard has been resurrected by Boots. In its charming bottle, Lysval smells old-fashioned and romantic, with hints of hyacinth, lily of the valley and freesia. Exclusive to Boots.
Price: £19.50 for 30ml eau de toilette
www.boots.com



Jo Malone

Unisex colognes are a great alternative to wearing heavy perfumes, and this zingy new offering, Sweet Lime & Cedar Cologne, was inspired by the mix of spices, delicate floral fragrances and aromatic leaves in Thai cuisine. Layer throughout the day.
Price: £59 for 100ml eau de cologne
www.jomalone.co.uk

