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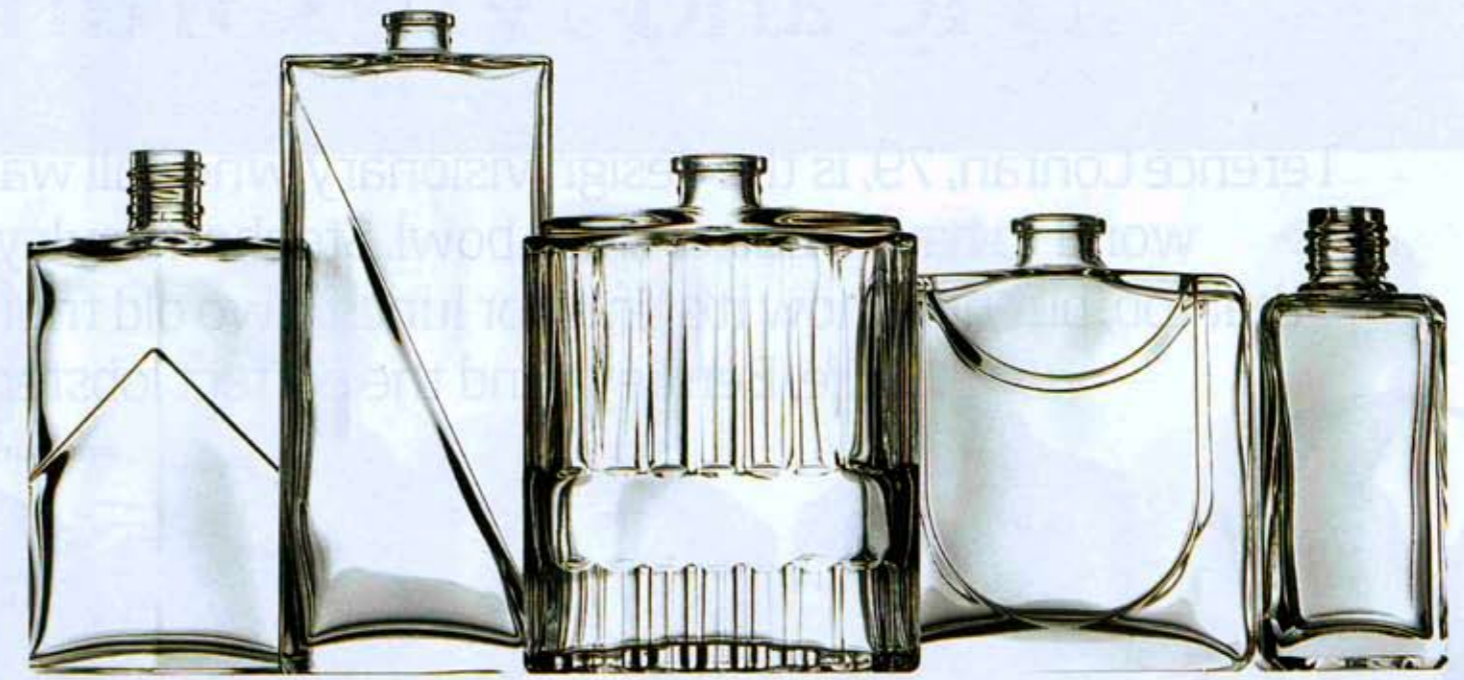


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## SCENTS AND SENSIBILITY

Perfume is the perfect gift, but how do you choose the right fragrance? It's easy, just use our guide

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**WOMEN**

Floral girl	Oriental temptress	Chypre woman
Florals come in many guises: single note, bouquets, green, aqueous, woody, fruity, heady, or even "a bouquet of abstract flowers", as Coco Chanel referred to her No 5.	Ripe, sultry, base-note heavy orientals deliver brazen musk and exoticism. Guerlain is the seat of the classic oriental. Serge Lutens its contemporary master.	Chyprés rely on the juxtaposition between bergamot top notes and a pungent, earthy, gloriously mossy base. Womanly and beguiling, they exude seductive sophistication.
<b>She already loves</b> Joy by Patou. L'Air du Temps by Nina Ricci. Diorissimo by Dior. Trésor by Lancôme.	<b>She already loves</b> Samsara and Shalimar by Guerlain. Opium by Yves St Laurent. Organza by Givenchy.	<b>She already loves</b> Aromatics Elixir by Clinique. Tabac Blond by Caron. Mitsouko by Guerlain. Femme by Rochas.
<b>Delight her with</b> Hasu-no-Hana by Grossmith. A hypnotic Japanese lotus lily, created in 1888 and newly reconstructed to the original formula. It has a radiant aroma in which a bouquet of rose, jasmine, ylang-ylang and iris nestles on a dry yet voluptuous wood base. Sex appeal with class. Roja Dove Haute Parfumerie (rojadove.com), £125.	<b>Delight her with</b> L'Air du Désert Marocain by Tauer Perfumes. Andy Tauer is the darling of niche perfumery and this sublime scent is his own favourite among his creations. Orientals can be claustrophobically in-your-face, but this concoction conjures mystery and space: the air of the Sahara stealing across a Marrakesh night. Les Senteurs (020-7730 2322), £85.	<b>Enchant her with</b> Fleurs de Sel by Miller Harris. Modern chyprés can be disappointments, but Miller Harris has attracted justifiable adulation for this exquisitely sensual, salty skin-scent, which has the velvet tactility of iris, the briny tang of ambrette seed and a caress of leather. Entrancing to men and women. Miller Harris (millerharris.com), £110.



**MEN**

Cologne chap	Spicy man	Freshman
Light, citrusy and invigorating, colognes are as impeccable as a starched shirt. For a straightforward type who has no desire to smell like a tart's window box.	Fougère is the Gallic word for fern, an act of fragrant imagination because ferns have no scent. Woody or spicy fougères sort the men from the boys, the sheep from the goats.	These fougères borrow the aromatic qualities of cologne, yet bring to it the nuance of a perfume. Thus, they boast a freshness that does not deny hidden depths.
<b>He already loves</b> 4711 Echt Kölnisch Wasser by Muelhens. Eau de Cologne Impériale by Guerlain. Eau d'Orange Verte by Hermès. Colonia by Acqua di Parma.	<b>He already loves</b> Jicky by Guerlain. Habit Rouge by Guerlain. Eau Sauvage by Dior. Bel Ami by Hermès.	<b>He already loves</b> English Fern by Penhaigon's. Pour Un Homme by Caron. Le Troisième Homme by Caron. Yerbamate by Lorenzo Villorosi.
<b>Delight him with</b> Acqua di Parma Colonia Essenza. A briskly assertive opening yields to rose, jasmine and clove notes on a domineering yet soulful patchouli and amber base. For the man who not only doesn't have to try too hard, he doesn't even have to try at all. Stockists: 01932 233861, £46.	<b>Delight him with</b> Memoir Man by Amouage. This is a leather, woody fougère with notes of intoxicating absinthe, wormwood, basil, mint, frankincense, amber and oakmoss. Inspired by Baudelaire's poem <i>Les Fleurs du mal</i> , the damned of Amouage smell quite heavenly, giving a scent of vice at its most alluring. Les Senteurs (020-7730 2322), £85.	<b>Delight him with</b> Eau d'Hadrien by Annick Goutal (in a limited-edition flacon). Fastidiously clean Sicilian lemons yield to a smoky, vaguely sultry cypress-wood base. Its understated nature is evocative of concealed emotion. Harrods (020-7730 1234), Harvey Nichols (harveynichols.com), £130.

