

# All PRESENT *and* CORRECT

Unwrapping these fashion treats would guarantee a very happy Christmas



**Above:** Christmas day is governed by the time (oven, turkey, the Queen's speech) so we'll need a seriously frosty timepiece like this white Pave Total Stones watch by Toy Watch for £225 from Durham and Darlington branches of Van Mildert [www.vanmildert.com](http://www.vanmildert.com).

**Right:** This dreamy caramel wool/cashmere blend wrap style, £399 in sizes 8-16 by Sticky Fingers, is a serious spend...dare you suggest a family multi-purchase to help keep you warm? From Aura in Jesmond, Newcastle and Marianne Fashions in Sunderland.



**Above:** We can't afford the shoes, but someone who loves us might buy us the Eau de Parfum? This new Jimmy Choo 'fruity' fragrance is apparently the embodiment of a modern woman: strong, empowered, beautiful and seductive. £38.50 for 40ml from The Perfume Shop branches.



**Left:** Mmm...cashmere socks. We can just imagine how they feel, from the Nordic range by Pantherella £30 online at [www.liberty.com](http://www.liberty.com).



**Left:** Modern costume jewellery is a great reviver of our favourite frocks and spirits and Outfit stores are full of the Freedom, Diva, Daisy & Eve and Wallis ranges (seen here, necklaces start at around £15); all under one roof! Find Outfit at Cleveland Retail Park; Teesside Retail Park; The Galleries, Washington and Silverlink, Wallsend.

**Below:** This chic Natural Anti-Moth gift pack of wardrobe sachets and pot pourri for £15 from [www.totalwardrodecare.co.uk](http://www.totalwardrodecare.co.uk), smells beautiful but moths will loathe it! Founder Julia Dee's credentials are top notch. She has cared for couture garments throughout her career and developed this range when she couldn't find the products she wanted. Lovely.





**Left:** The new alpaca knitting pattern book, *Toft* (£15), by Kerry Lord is inspirational. Part of a family of alpaca enthusiasts (her father is a judge at Northumberland County Show) she is creative and knowledgeable about this unique fibre. The book, yarns, kits and ready to wear pieces are on [www.thetoftalpacashop.co.uk](http://www.thetoftalpacashop.co.uk) This pom pom scarf is in easy garter stitch and uses 300g of Aran quality. Local breeder Melanie Douglas of [www.fallowfieldalpacas.com](http://www.fallowfieldalpacas.com) (near Hexham) sells fleeces if you can spin?



**Above:** What we like about Hush lounge wear is that it's an 'upgraded' version of what we already wear to 'chill' in; in these we won't mind who sees us now! Pyjama trousers £30, big sloppy jumpers £65 and snood £59.50 [www.hush-uk.com](http://www.hush-uk.com), 0844 800 4108.ad



**Above:** As fans of Adele, we now know the power of the fake lash! This red glitter pair at £6.50 from the Star by Julien McDonald range at Debenhams (all stores) is a great stocking filler and will make a nice change from the tangerine and walnuts normally lurking in the toe.

**Right:** We've had new undies from M&S for Christmas for years but thank goodness the retail offer keeps on improving. This Limited Collection body is £25 and hosiery starts at £3.50 [www.marksandspencer.com](http://www.marksandspencer.com). For something even more adventurous look at [www.foxandrose.com](http://www.foxandrose.com).



**Above:** How was jeweller Thomas Sabo to know that we all want to wear a polar bear and a snowy cloud charm around our necks now in honour of David Attenborough's *Frozen Planet*? Charms are around £50 each, necklace is £34.95 and 'carrier' is £8.95 from [www.williamsonbrown.com](http://www.williamsonbrown.com) Newcastle.



**Right:** The Midnight Spice Hostess Apron at £18.95 from [www.buycuteaprons.com](http://www.buycuteaprons.com), is just one of what seems like hundreds of revived styles of the apron, an important yet seriously underestimated garment in popular culture. We predict a revival.

**Right:** These friendship bracelets are handsome rather than sweet and very wearable in gold, pewter and bronze for £90 and you can choose the words, up to 30 characters per side. From [www.swingsandprettythings.co.uk](http://www.swingsandprettythings.co.uk).



**Below:** Christmas is the time to wear a novelty party shoe! These are crazy, comfortable and affordable at £30 from Asos. [www.asos.com](http://www.asos.com).

