

FINDING YOUR FRAGRANCE

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Perfume has transformative power, but it's one of the most difficult accessories to get right. Choosing the wrong perfume can lead to some unwelcome and hard-to-shake side effects such as nausea, headaches and skin irritation. Don't fall victim to bad fragrance: Instead, choose scents with high-quality ingredients that stay close to the body rather than announcing your presence as you walk through a door. To find your fragrance, determine which notes you enjoy, and then look for perfumes that use your favorites. You might like floral (rose, neroli, jasmine), fruity (grapefruit, bergamot, petitgrain), green (peppermint, lemongrass, ginger), herbal (basil, lavender, chamomile), balsamic (fir, rosemary, juniper), spicy (clove, bay, nutmeg), woody (sandalwood, frankincense, cedarwood), earthy (vetiver, myrrh, patchouli), or oriental (ylang-ylang, tuberose, champaca flowers). Need a little help? Check out our guide below—but remember that notes can combine to create wholly new and surprising aromas.



Tata Harper Love Potion, \$40, tataharper.com

An uplifting aphrodisiac blend that boosts your inner magnetism and feelings of affection. Notes: *davana, jasmine, ylang ylang, violet leaf, rose, grapefruit, frankincense, sandalwood.*



My Daughter Fragrance Joyful, \$85, ecodivabeauty.com

This fresh, creamy floral has amazing tenacity with a classic femininity that brings a smile to any face. Notes: *orange flower, lime blossom, spearmint, rose, jasmine, bergamot, grapefruit, sandalwood.*



Pacifica Sandalwood Perfume, \$22, pacificabeauty.com

Warm, velvety and lovely for layering, this sandalwood perfume wears like a cozy cashmere sweater or a hug from your best friend. Notes: *sandalwood, tangerine, sweet orange, mandarin.*



Tsi-La Kesu, \$44, tsilaorganics.com

Both narcotic and sensual, Kesu conjures smoky incense and lusty amber notes. Jasmine lifts the blend to seductive heights. Prepare to be kissed. Notes: *amber, jasmine, davana, blonde woods.*



Atelier Cedrat Enivrant Cologne Absolue, \$65, Sephora

Inspired by the French 75 cocktail, this crisp and effervescent citrus blend has faint herbal undertones. Notes: *Cedrat, lime, bergamot, mint, basilic, juniper berries.*



LAVANILA Pure Vanilla Fragrance, \$58, Sephora

The perfect vanilla that's grown up and sexy with an oriental twist. This mellow and slightly sweet blend is ideal for autumn and winter. Cuddle up with this one. Notes: *vanilla, tonka bean, freesia.*



LURK RSW005 Eau de Toilette, \$225, lurkmade.com

Wear this soft, androgenous scent at any time of day. For the perfume jaded, this one is unforgettable. Peppery rose notes with a hint of citrus will open any heart. Notes: *rose, citrus.*



True Nature Botanics Noble Woods Solid Perfume, \$95, tbotanicals.com

Infinitely portable and refillable, this deep forest scent feels like a nice piece of jewelry in your hand. Notes: *cypress, vetiver, amber, labdanum.*



Honoré des Prés Honoré's Trip Verrine, \$84, spiritbeautylounge.com

A bright fruity citrus that is rich, luscious and possibly a little unisex. This bold citrus scent is the perfect antidote to winter blues. Notes: *tangerine, orange, lemon, black pepper.*



Strange Invisible Fair Verona Perfume, \$285, siperfumes.com

A sensual, soft and narcotic blend, this perfume is a work of art with intense Romeo and Juliet vibes. Notes: *jasmine, sandalwood, mimosa, pink grapefruit.*