

# Countdown to luxury

Nothing marks the lead-up to Christmas like a festive calendar. Here's our festive selection. **Words: Anna Evdokimou**

Whether you're looking to spoil yourself or a loved one, this collection of luxury advent calendars will have you cheerfully counting down to the big day.



## Farm shop calendar, Daylesford Organic

If you're a lover of marmalades, chutneys, honeys and shortbread, this is the calendar for you. Designed to replicate Daylesford Organic's Gloucestershire farm shop — the brand grows and champions organic food through its various farm shops and cafes across the UK — the calendar contains 25 delightful drawers, each one holding delectable festive favourites, as well as a few surprise decorations. The best part? It's been crafted with sustainable materials, so, once the drawers have been emptied, they can be refilled with your go-to treats year after year. £250. [daylesford.com](http://daylesford.com)

## Spirits & Liqueurs Calendar, Fortnum & Mason

Fortnum & Mason's luxury Spirits & Liqueurs Calendar invites you to sample 24 handpicked gins, liqueurs, whiskies and vodkas. As well as the 5cl bottle, in each drawer you'll find a serving suggestion or fun fact, so you'll know exactly what to pair your honey and violet gin, or your figgy pudding liqueur, with. As well as discovering quirky flavours (think orange marmalade vodka), you'll be treated to a whole bottle surprise on Christmas day. £250. [fortnumandmason.com](http://fortnumandmason.com)



## 12 Days of Beauty Calendar, Fenwick

Say hello to the holy grail of beauty calendars. Worth over £700, Fenwick's 12 Days of Beauty Calendar contains 15 luxury items. From Dr Barbara Sturm and Augustinus Bader skincare products to Laura Mercier and Charlotte Tilbury make-up picks, the calendar will revitalise your beauty bag, just in time for the new year. If perfumes are your guilty pleasure, you'll also find a beautiful scent or two behind the numbers. Each drawer also contains a note, detailing each product and its benefits, ensuring you'll be a beauty connoisseur this Christmas. £165. [fenwick.co.uk](http://fenwick.co.uk)

## Yankee Candle, Advent Book

Nothing says Christmas like the scents of sandalwood and amber or silver sage and pine wafting through the air. Yankee Candle has curated a selection of festive fragrances to inspire holiday cheer. With designs echoing constellations, the candles will make your space warm and inviting, and have them smelling like a Christmas cookie (one of the scents). Light up your living room with notes of warm cashmere or gift your loved ones with a pink cherry vanilla and red raspberry duo. £49.99. [yankeecandle.co.uk](http://yankeecandle.co.uk)



## Lush, Advent Calendar

The beauty company specialises in creating natural, soothing and delicate bath, shower, spa and skincare products that stand against animal cruelty while making you feel all happy and relaxed. This year, its vegan advent calendar offers you a combination of best sellers and exclusive products. From fragrances and lip butters to bath bombs and shower gels, they offer the ultimate respite from your hectic festive schedule — simply open a drawer, run your bath and let your worries float away. The limited-edition box is even a gift in itself, perfect to store your bits and bobs in. £195. [lush.com](http://lush.com)

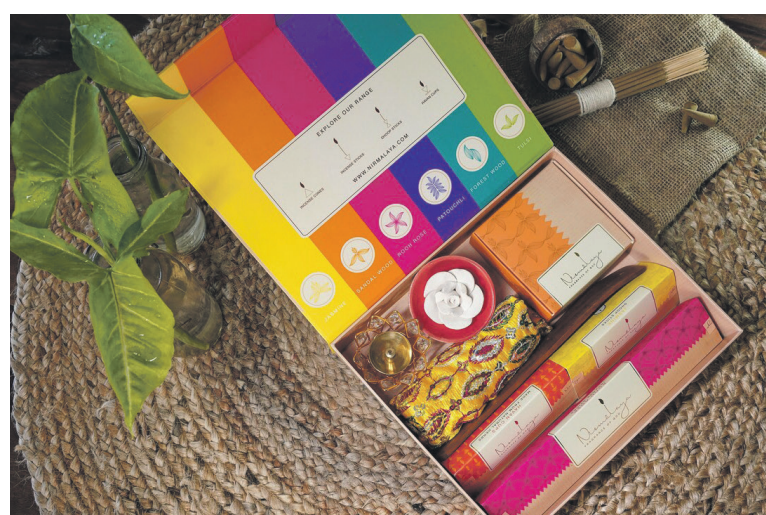


## Mariage Frères, Christmas in Love Calendar

Not able to travel to Paris for a loved-up Christmas this December? Worry not, Mariage Frères will bring a taste of Paris straight to your home. Featuring 25 festive teas from its luxury emporium (and France's oldest tea house), this calendar is a tribute to the senses and flavours of the French capital. Whether you're looking for something to sip while you bite into your Christmas pudding, or a tea that tastes like a pudding in itself (try the black tea with notes of fruits and vanilla), the calendar has the perfect blend for a very joyeux Noël. £48. [mariagefreres.com](http://mariagefreres.com)

# Give the gift of sustainability

Urban Utsav is an online retailer and wholesaler, specialising in gifting and home accessories with a primary focus on handcrafted products, founded by Priya Patel and her husband Sandeep Patel



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## Nirmalaya Fragrances

- Handmade from recycled flowers collected from places of worship
- 100% organic
- Charcoal free
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- Therapeutic and invigorating scents
- Non-pollutant smoke



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Urban Utsav has established strong partnerships with artisans, entrepreneurs, social enterprises and manufacturers from Southeast Asia to curate a collection of unique, ethically sourced and sustainable festive and gifting products.

The company has proudly partnered with businesses and manufacturers that have key goals and core pillars that align with the founders, such as sustainability, female empowerment and employment opportunities for the less privileged, while maintaining the highest quality and production standards.

Incense, common in South Asian homes and temples, has gained popularity in recent years, not only as a fragrance, but also in its use in spiritual practices and sensory experiences, such as meditation, mindfulness and cleansing.

The founders of Urban Utsav were keen to identify a cleaner and sustainable alternative to the traditional incense, and with India being one of the largest manufacturers and exporters in the world, it made sense that their search should start there. They have identified a manufacturer based in north India that has

established an innovative process to produce incense utilising waste flowers collected from places of worship in the region. These flowers are cleaned and recycled to produce eco-friendly incense products. Urban Utsav has collaborated with them to bring these eco-friendly products to the UK.

This Christmas give the gift of tranquillity and sustainability with Nirmalaya Fragrances brought to you exclusively by Urban Utsav. Available as incense sticks, incense cones, bamboo-less dhoup sticks and havan cup formats.



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