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# How to turn your Scrooge into Santa this Christmas

HE'S the love of your life, but go on, admit it - the last time he opened his wallet, the moths in there had beards...

And this year, you just know his penny-pinching ways are going to cause a bit of a row on Christmas morning.

So how do you turn your beloved Scrooge into a Santa this festive season?

Don't worry, it's not too late to start working on him in time to land a great gift on the big day! After all, you work hard planning what to buy for him, so it's only fair he should do the same.

Think about the gifts he normally brings you. If they include supermarket or garage flowers with the barcode still on, cheap cologne and knock-off designer copies, don't despair - he's got the general idea, all he needs is a bit of fine tuning to get it absolutely right.

**Tackle it like this:**  
**Cheap scent** - Wait until an intimate moment, then tell him you've read a feature in the paper that said the fumes from cheap perfume can cause loss of sex drive in men.

**Supermarket or garage flowers** - Nothing wrong with these as such, but he needs to learn a lot about presentation. Serve him up a boil in the bag meal, still in the bag. And when he complains, tell

him that's the way they come from the supermarket - just like his flowers!



**GENEROUS:** The look that says she got just what she wanted on Christmas Day

**Budget champagne** - Knock the bottle over and let him see how it takes the varnish off the table (as well as the shine off your romance).

**Cheap lingerie** - Are you sure you really love this man?

**Del-Boy 'gold' jewellery** - We're talking about the kind of gold that washes off in the bath here - but he'll always swear it's real.

Say you're keen to buy him something to match your jewellery this Christmas, but you're struggling to find the right shade of gold. Then suggest you go shopping together to buy co-ordinating gifts. Brilliant!

On the other hand, you could just talk to him about it. Maybe he has a good reason for being so miserly, such as simply being hard up - Christmas is an expensive time of the year. Agree a price limit - upper and lower, that you will both stick to.

And if even honesty doesn't do the trick, swap him for a more generous version by next Christmas. You know it makes sense!

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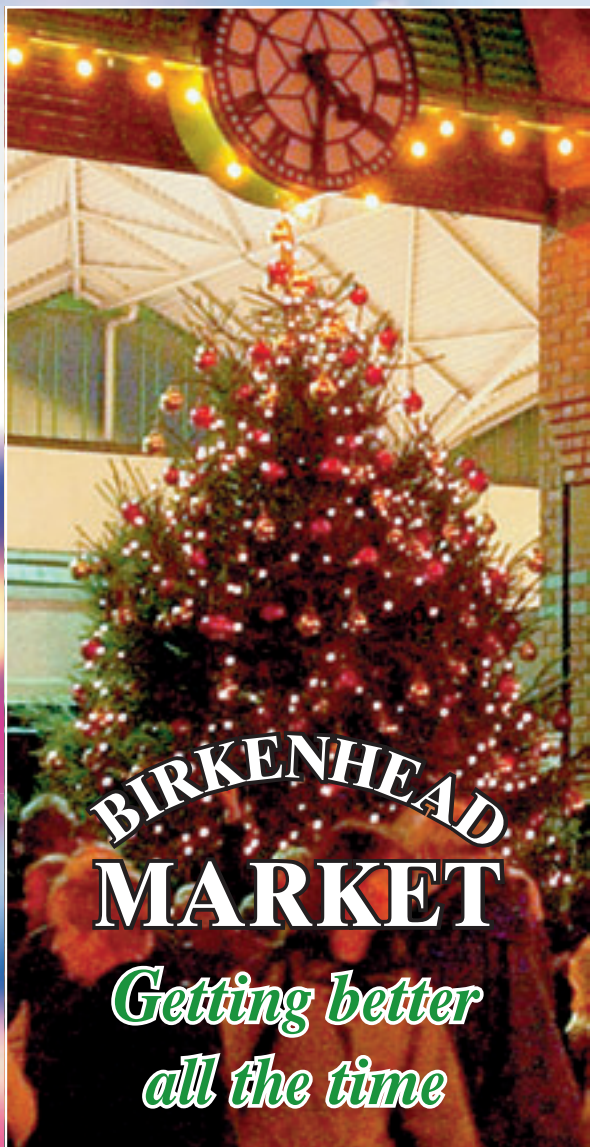
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WITH the party season in full swing, it's time to stock up the wine rack with those all important bring-a-bottle offerings.

But what does your party wine choice say about you, your personality and what kind of guest you are? Find out with our guide to the best seasonal wines...

❑ **Fresh and modern** - Pinot Grigio is becoming increasingly popular among us wine drinkers and is an ideal wine to take to any party. Your friends will be impressed by your modern, fresh choice and will enjoy its crisp, clean flavour - ideal as an aperitif. Choosing a Pinot Grigio shows that you are up-to-date with current trends and are never afraid to try something new. Indulge your adventurous side with Devil's Rock - this German Pinot Grigio has all the clarity you would expect along with surprisingly lively tropical fruit flavours.

❑ **Sophisticated taste** - Combining a range of complementary grapes to create a unique drinking experience, mixed blend wines are an ideal choice for the educated pallet. Selecting this type of wine for a party speaks of your sophistication - you relish intelligent conversation and the finer things in life. An ideal dinner party companion is Caves Saint-Pierre Châteauneuf du Pape with its delicious aromas of cooked fruits and deep red velvet

colouring. This wine is ideal when matched with strong cheeses such as vintage cheddar.

❑ **Life and soul** - Rosé wines have enjoyed a comeback this summer - a trend that is certainly set to last throughout the winter months. Due to its versatility, rosé is a popular choice, matching equally well with meat, fish or vegetarian dishes. Your choice of rosé wine shows you have a real fun side to your personality and enjoy being the life and soul of the party. An ideal choice is El Prado Rosé, a dry yet fruity easy-drinking Spanish wine that also goes wonderfully with tapas or hors 'd'oeuvres.

❑ **Family Matters** - Red wine is a firm favourite at seasonal gatherings and you won't put a foot wrong with a fine Shiraz. Shiraz is fast becoming as popular as the best-loved Merlot grape and is certainly an engaging choice. The warmth of Shiraz reflects your love of family orientated celebrations and the importance you place on your nearest and dearest. Why not try Doña Dominga Reserva Shiraz, made by the Casa Silva family - a beautifully balanced yet complex wine with notes of fresh blackberries, cherries and raspberries that works well with stews or chilli con carne.

❑ **Calm and collected** - A party just

wouldn't be a party without a bottle of Chardonnay, a wine that has enjoyed enduring popularity due to its accessible fruity character. Your choice of Chardonnay indicates that you see parties as a chance to relax and unwind. The South African Cape Grace Chardonnay Semillon is packed full of mouthwatering pineapple and melon flavours and is ideal when teamed with seafood and chicken dishes.

❑ **Winter adventurer** - Rather than bringing a bottle, why not host a party yourself? All you need is great wine, food and company. Ready for any occasion is Gerard Bertrand Tautavel, a full-bodied French wine with complex fruit flavours and hints of spice and pepper. It's sure to show your spontaneous side and will add sophistication to any gathering.

❑ **Bubbly personality** - Finally, no party is complete without champers! To show your bubbly personality to the full, take a bottle of Nicolas Feuillate, a well-balanced champagne with a light golden colour. This Réserve Champagne is a blend of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier grapes and has a floral and fruity nose with subtle overtones of pears and apples. Serve chilled and prepare yourself for the pop!

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To celebrate the German market theme at Aldi at the end of this month, the Globe has teamed up with Aldi to offer one lucky reader the chance to win a break for two to a German market in

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The weekend break is valid from November 27 to December 24 2006. Usual Globe rules apply. Good luck!



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This year's party fashions shimmer with sequins, glimmer with glitter and glint with gold and silver. And it all adds up to the most glamorous festive season we've seen for many a year.

Of course, there are pros and cons. On the upside, it's a great opportunity to feel really dressed up and special for that superb night out. And on the downside, if you overdo the shine, you COULD end up looking like last year's Christmas tree.

The answer is to take it carefully. If you can't resist that little sparkly dress, wear it with plain but elegant sandals and don't go mad with the jewellery.

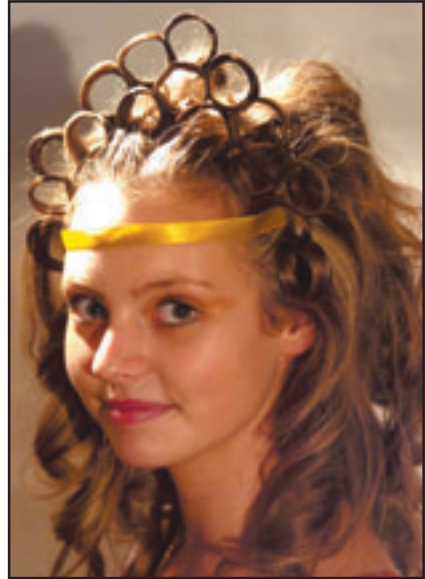
And if you're even less of an exhibitionist, give a dramatic twist to

your outfit by accessorising with a sequined belt, some glittery shoes or jewellery with a bit of bling.

This year's keynote colour is grey, and it's popped up in all sorts of different collections. This is an ideal colour to wear with a dash of sparkle because it's not the most exciting colour in the book. However, it's a good alternative to the go-everywhere black number, and can make you stand out in a crowd of black crows at

parties. And don't worry if glitter is not to your taste – there's a lot of great party gear in vibrant colours such as emerald and scarlet that stand up to all that sparkle without a hint of difficulty.

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