



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Bear with us

Harv and Sophie are making their debut this year amid a polpourri of bear accessories. The big difference is that they're the real thing — sassy polpourri satchels that are available at Randeels in Southfield at \$16 each.

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rent and Oscar de la Renta."

So how do you choose what's best? According to Bende, you should match the gift to the woman. In books in his shop, perfumes are charted by their character and components. Color tests in the books help define personalities and which scents various personality types might like.

People do want help in choosing scents, Bende said, since to most of us perfume is a mystery, a tantalizing door into the unknown world of fragrance. Those perfumes we prefer, however, can continue to be popular for decades.

COTY INTRODUCED L'Origen just five years after the turn of the century, and it still sells well today. Chanel daringly presented Chanel No. 5, made with synthetics and still a best-seller, in 1921. And Shalimar, regarded as an ageless mystery fragrance, was introduced in 1929.

Fragrances come in four strengths, depending on the amount of essential oil used. These are:

Eau de cologne with 5 percent to 6 percent essential oils and the rest alcohol.

Eau de toilette, with 8 percent to 10 percent essential oils, upped to 15 percent for the American market which demands stronger fragrances than in Europe.

Eau de perfume with 15 percent to 20 percent essential oils.

Perfume, with 25 percent to 35 percent (or sometimes more) essential oils.

SOME PERFUMEDOS and don'ts from the fragrance industry:

At a perfume counter, don't spray perfume on your wrists, then rub them together. That simply increases the temperature of the skin and proper developing of the perfume does not take place.

The best way to test a fragrance is to spray one wrist and let it air dry. The other wrist can be used to test a second scent and the inner elbow, a third. Three scents are generally all your nose can sniff-test in a period of several hours.

It will take five to six minutes after application before you can smell the entire fragrance. For the most benefit, scent should be applied to warm points of the body, such as the neck below the ears, the wrists and inside the elbows, knees and ankles.

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