

London has gone bonkers for weird baubles this year

If you're a festive fiend (or just rich) Christmas in London often means popping down to the Liberty Christmas shop to gawp at the beautiful and elaborate Yuletide decorations. Our city takes the season very seriously, and come December our department stores, museum gift shops and miscellaneous emporiums are stuffed full of eccentric, extortionate and frankly quite odd baubles to adorn your trees. From 'kitsch' to 'basic bitch', weird decorations seem to be more popular than ever this year: you've got your avocado toasts, sushi platters and this bottle of white-girl rosé. But we're here for the ones that take it one step further. A gauche hanging ornament emulating an Amex gold card? Yes, please. This one shaped like a kettlebell? It's bizarre, we love it! That well-known Christmas character, Carrot Face? Give us a tree covered in 'em. We've rounded up the very best bonkers baubles for you to gawp at in wonder and bemusement. Tag yourself (we're this haunted chimney sweep).



Tarzan Santa

It doesn't get much cuter than this semi-naked Santa swinging through the Christmas trees. This bauble is camp, hilarious and everything we love about kitschy decor. What Christmas tree wouldn't be improved by two tiny nipples poking out from among the pine needles? Although we haven't seen Santa wearing this little clothing before. We're blushing. Sass & Belle, £11.



Stack of wellness books

They could have gone for the classics:
Dickens, Brontë, Jeffrey Archer, but no, this stack of zeitgeisty books is exactly what people are reading nowadays, thank you very much. Including well-known titles like 'Snap! Insta!', and the mildly aggressive 'Let's Go to the GYM'. It's giving #girlboss, it's giving #hustle, it's giving #keto-friendly Christmas dinner.

Selfridges, £22.



Glass airpods

Could it get more 2022 than this? A gaudy little pink glittery glass ornament, shaped like a pair of airpods. This one goes out to the Gen Zs, for whom pods aren't just a gadget, but a way of life. And the dads who think it's hilarious to watch the crestfallen look on their kids' faces when they crack into an Apple Store drawstring bag only to find this instead of the real deal. Looking forward to next year's Elf Bar bauble. *Liberty, £15.95.*



Clownfish in a Bowl

It's elaborate, it's incredibly intricate and it will set you back a whopping £75. Featuring a pouting clownfish encased in a delicate glass bubble, this magnificent bauble is handblown from a single piece of glass. Justify the price by telling yourself it's for a good cause; you're simply doing your bit to keep a traditional cottage industry alive in a small European village. And that's pretty damn selfless, tbh. *Choosing Keeping, £75.*

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