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waves her  
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KAREN GILLAN'S  
LATEST ROLE



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## CONTRIBUTORS



### CHARLOTTE TILBURY

**Your one Christmas wish this year is...**

This year, my Christmas wish and New Year's resolution is to laugh, sing, dance and GLOW.

**Your favourite Christmas ritual is...**

Relaxing at home with my gorgeous husband and boys. Family is number one.

**How do you ensure your party goes with a swing?** All

you need to get a party going is a great playlist. I live for music and dancing, it's when I feel my most full of joy.

**Your crowning accessory to your party outfit is...**

My finishing touch is always a spritz of my magical Scent of a Dream fragrance – no glamorous look is complete without it.



### ISABEL SPEARMAN

**Your one Christmas wish this year is...**

That no one has an argument all day.

**Your favourite Christmas ritual is...**

My siblings and I have a competition on Christmas night as to who can make the best leftovers sandwich. The competition is fierce.

**How do you ensure your party goes with a swing?** I start the evening with a strong G&T

and often that's all I need.

**Your crowning accessory to your party outfit is...** It

changes all the time, at the moment it's hairbands. I'm amassing quite a collection and they literally crown all my party outfits.



### ALLIE ESIRI

**Your one Christmas wish this year is...**

That I somehow manage to buy the same amount of presents for each of my children.

**Your favourite Christmas ritual is...**

The Rainbow Trust Carol Concert at St Paul's Church, Knightsbridge. Because it couldn't be more Christmassy – all candlelit, and at its

heart it has the spirit of giving to children and families in need.

**How do you ensure your party goes with a swing?**

Caribbean carols (my father's favourite).

**Your crowning accessory to your party outfit is...** Red flowers in my hair; although this year I have had some flowers made out of Shakespeare's poetry so they might have to fight it out on my dressing table.



### LOHRALEE ASTOR

**Your one Christmas wish this year is...**

I really hope it snows. We love taking the children sledding, nothing beats the sound of their squeals of delight as they go down the hill. It is also a great excuse for us to have a LOT of dairy-free hot chocolate...

**Your favourite Christmas ritual is...**

Building gingerbread houses, it generally ends up being a bit of a competition. Who has the most candy bling? Whose house stands up the longest (or has ever stood up)?

**How do you ensure your party goes with a swing?** Eggnog, vodka and more vodka.

**Your crowning accessory to your party outfit is...** Red lipstick and a nice pair of stilettos.

# CLUB TOGETHER

**Lohralee Astor** and **Elizabeth Sieff** suggest sharing the cost to buy something your loved one really, really wants

**A**round this time of year we must forgive ourselves for feeling panicked and wracked with worry as to what to buy for whom. We are inundated with beautiful adverts and editorial and everything suddenly looks like it could be the perfect choice. So how do we decide?

Buying a gift not only shows the recipient that we care about putting a smile on their face, but is also about spending the necessary amount of time and thought on the purchase where our budget has been reflected, and our attempt has not been futile. Recent trends are showing that group gifting is becoming common practice. With sustainability and investing in value becoming part of the agenda, trinkets and disposable items are a thing of the past. People are looking for quality, meaning and something to last. The reality is, however, that not everyone's budget can lend itself to things of real value and investment gifts, so the natural process is

to club together with other 'gifters' to produce a present that is of real significance and use.

To help with this we set up Storcx which takes the awkwardness out of asking for financial contributions. With a beautiful invitation page, gentle reminders and contribution tracking there is nothing else like it. Each contribution remains anonymous to other donors but ultimately the end receiver is delighted with a gift of real substance.

So now you have clubbed together, you have the means to buy something really incredible that will definitely not be put in the gifting cupboard.

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