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The only place to order bespoke Christmas trees and wreaths in London? **Galton Flowers**, of course

Christmas trees and festive wreaths are a must at this time of year. Yet, dragging an oversized pine home on a cold, wet evening, shedding pine needles as you go, can take the fun out of it. A warm welcome then to Sayeh Rafiei of Galton Flowers, whose innovative Christmas trees are making festive waves across London.

It was 18 years ago that she identified a gap in the Christmas tree market. 'The idea came to us when it became apparent that there was a need for more discreet trees for clients living in small spaces but who still wanted something sophisticated and special.'

As the trees took off, Galton Flowers started to make larger trees for both residential and commercial spaces and now Sayeh Rafiei's floristry prowess has found her decorating movie stars' houses for Christmas, stages for film premieres and lavish wedding receptions.



The trees are made with pine and decorated with fresh flowers that dry beautifully. Galton Flowers is the only florist in London to offer this bespoke service. 'Clients who bought one of our trees in our first year of trading have come back every year since,' says Sayeh.

For those wanting a more hands-on experience, Galton Flowers offers a day's Christmas course, making either a wreath or arrangement, fuelled with tea in the morning and wine in the evening. Participants can take their work home to hang in pride of place or give to friends and family as a present.

Bespoke Christmas trees range from £65 to £220, and Christmas wreaths from £75. Two days' notice is required for a bespoke tree.

Christmas courses are £120 for five hours with six people per class, ensuring clients achieve maximum attention.

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