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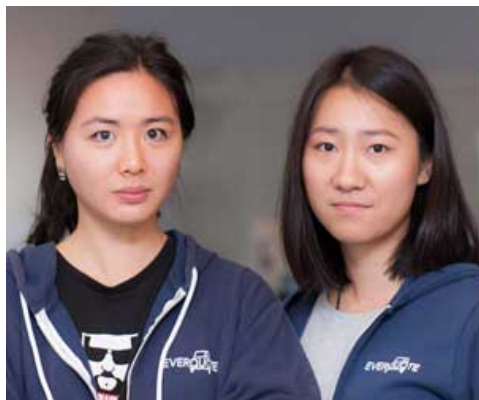
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## Christmas 2016 window displays unveiled – what's the theme and how long do I have to see it?

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**THE Italian Renaissance was the inspiration behind this year's captivating Harvey Nichols Christmas window display.**

The luxury department chain has unveiled the theatrical design at its flagship store in Knightsbridge.



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Christmas windows have become a popular attraction in London, with many people flocking to see the festive displays every year.

The display is said to mirror the dram of Italian opera and features 100,000 glittering ice-white balls to build clouds, chandeliers and candelabras.

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It also features an amazing 1,300kg of paper, scrunched up to make props, and 4,000 metres of knitting wool to decorate the windows.

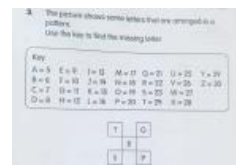
It took 1,500 hours to create the magical windows, and they covered 1,560 miles over the course of the build – the equivalent of walking to Milan and back.

Around 500 litres of pain was used for the marble-effect columns.

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Janet Wardley, head of visual display at the store for the past 20 years, told the Mail: "It has been an exciting challenge to transform the store's facade with marbled panels inspired by the Italian renaissance architecture to bring Italy to our UK and Ireland sites this year.

"The use of lighting effects to create two different night and day displays highlights our iconic, playful and daring brand identity, as well as reflecting the key colour combinations of our global winter campaign."



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The store regularly stuns shoppers with its impressive window displays.

Last year catwalk couture was the inspiration behind the glitzy Christmas display.

Masses of glitter, sequins, mirror balls and luxurious shimmering fabric were used to bring bring back disco with that years fashion trend of Studio 54.

The date the Christmas window will be displayed until is not known, but will likely be taken down soon after the Yuletide festivities are over.



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