



For the entrance

As Moyses Stevens says, to make this garland first measure the length required with string. The base is then made in advance with berried and trailing ivies, dried apple and orange slices, and lotus seed heads all bound on to a rope. With someone to help hold the garland, secure each twist temporarily in place, using florist's tape, until the garland is in position. Finally, wire in cinnamon sticks and pine cones and tie on gold ribbons. Mist with water to keep fresh.

Garland twists, £55m, Moyses Stevens, 020 8772 0094, moysesflowers.co.uk.

For the staircase

For this garland, Ken Marten of McQueens used blue pine as the base and finished it in situ. Taking his cue from the company's Narnia-inspired look for this winter, he has wired in white waxed pears and apples (to order, give two weeks' notice), pine cones, bundles of cinnamon sticks and dried flowers.

Decorated garland, from £60m; **wreath**, £150; both McQueens, 020 7251 5505, mcqueens.co.uk. **Lantern**, £35; **Ampersand glasses**, £45 for six, all Marston & Langinger, 020 7881 5768, marston-and-langinger.com. **For more Christmas flower ideas by McQueens**, visit The Grove Hotel, 01923 807807, thegrove.co.uk.