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Sharing is all very well, but it's always nice to treat yourself at Christmas, too. While browsing some 1970s timepieces, I found my perfect watch – perhaps you'll find your own within the selection...

I'm convinced that a watch chooses the right arm, rather than the other way round. While looking for a within-budget Christmas present for myself earlier this week, I found numerous suitors – too many, in fact. But then I found a Rolex GMT Master in yellow gold from 1979, the year I was born. I've now made a pact with myself that, every Christmas, I'll buy a watch from that year; many car collections are themed on a specific decade, and the idea works for watches, too.

Looking at my slightly indulgent Christmas present glistening with the reflections of fairy lights, it made me realise what a cool decade the 1970s were for the watch world. Not only were the legendary [Audemars Piguet Royal Oak](#) and the [Patek Philippe Nautilus](#) revealed in that period, but the manufacturers became a lot braver with colour. We've selected some of our favourite 1970s watches below – and, who knows, one of them might even inspire a little self-indulgence of your own.

Our pick of the 1970s watches for sale

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