



**Award-winning milliner Mary Spiteri, pictured left, owns Tifertat Hats, a boutique in Richmond upon Thames that supplies many race-goers at Royal Ascot. As well as designing and selling to order, Mary sources hats and accessories from leading designers such as Philip Treacy.**

**How many hats do you make for Royal Ascot?**

Around 200 a year – Ascot is a major event for us.

**Who are among your celebrity clients?**

Everyone from Keira Knightley to Lady Annabel Goldsmith. One year, Gabby Logan bought her hat for Ascot here at the last

minute – she had been due to wear a hat for charity but then didn't like the design, so we were able to come to the rescue.

**And your most unusual commission for Ascot?**

A newspaper asked for a hat in the shape of the World Cup trophy.

**What trends can we expect this season?**

Look out for pastel shades of pink, blue and mint green, or classics such as black and white and slate grey. Design-wise anything goes at Ascot, but expect more subdued, well-tailored hats this year.

***Tifertat Hats, 5 Paved Court, Richmond (020 8332 1189; [tifertathats.co.uk](http://tifertathats.co.uk)). Mon-Sat, 10am – 6pm, Sun 12pm – 5pm. Nearest station: Richmond, from where it is a 5 – minute walk.***