

Earl Grey Cocktails: The Bergamot Bar

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Earl Grey cocktails, in summary: Earl Grey is the natural cocktail tea: bergamot is already a bar aromatic. The MarTEAni and family, brew-strong-infuse-short, and which Earl Grey to use.

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If tea has a signature cocktail tea, it is Earl Grey, because bergamot's aromatic, citrus floral lift is tailor made for the bar. This sits in the cocktails cluster; the blend itself is in the [Earl Grey guide](#) and its story in [the origin of Earl Grey](#).

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Why bergamot and gin are a perfect match

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Gin is botanical and citrus led; Earl Grey is bergamot citrus over a tannic black base. They share an aromatic family, so Earl Grey extends and deepens gin rather than fighting it, which is why the Earl Grey martini and bergamot gin sours are modern classics. The same logic applies to bergamot with vodka and with sparkling wine.

The MarTEAni and the family

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The famous one is the Earl Grey MarTEAni, an Earl Grey infused gin sour with lemon and egg white, balanced, aromatic and the drink that put tea cocktails on the map. Around it sits a whole family: Earl Grey collins, Earl Grey fizz, Earl Grey negroni variations. All start from either a strong cooled Earl Grey brew or Earl Grey infused gin, see [tea infused gin and spirits](#).

Brew strong, infuse short

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For a brew based drink, make the Earl Grey roughly double strength and cool it, or it disappears into the gin. For an infusion, steep the tea in the spirit only briefly, minutes, not hours, because alcohol extracts tannin fast and an over infused gin turns harsh and astringent. This timing point is the single most common Earl Grey cocktail mistake.

Which Earl Grey to use

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A robust, assertive Earl Grey works best because it has to carry through alcohol and citrus; a strong one such as Loyd or Lipton black Earl Grey, or a Teapigs Darjeeling Earl Grey for a lighter floral version. People often reach for a delicate, premium Earl Grey because it is "better", when a clean, robust, everyday one usually performs better in the glass: the spirit, citrus and ice need a base with body and brightness to survive dilution, not a subtle one that vanishes. The base strength logic is the same as the [bubble tea base](#) argument: weak tea cannot survive what you mix it with.

Beyond gin

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Earl Grey also lifts a whiskey sour, a hot toddy, and sparkling cocktails, and it crosses into baking and desserts, see [baking with tea](#). Bergamot is one of the most flexible flavours in the cluster.

Summary

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Earl Grey is the best entry point into tea cocktails: one accessible tea, a perfect partner in gin, and a famous template drink. Get a strong brew or a short infusion right and the rest is variation, then raid the [Earl Grey recipes](#) and [cocktail recipes](#).

Want to actually buy a good one?

If Earl Grey is your cup, the bergamot quality varies hugely, so it is worth buying a good one. The products shown on this page are matched to exactly this topic, so they are the starting point. To see the wider range, browse [Earl Grey and black tea at teas.co.uk](#) or the full [tea shop](#). As everywhere on this wiki: buy on the cup and the description, never the marketing, check the per cup price, and

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The bergamot bar, at a glance

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Drink	Build	Note
Earl Grey MarTEAni	Earl Grey-infused gin, lemon, egg white, sugar	The signature: bergamot meets juniper and citrus
Earl Grey gin & tonic	Cold-infused gin, tonic, lemon twist	The easiest entry; do not over-infuse the gin
Hot toddy, Earl Grey	Strong brew, whisky, honey, lemon	Bergamot lifts a classic winter warmer
Earl Grey sour	Strong cold brew, bourbon, lemon, sugar	Brew strong, infuse short, never stew
Non-alcoholic	Strong chilled Earl Grey, soda, citrus	The bergamot carries it without spirit

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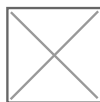
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