

Cast Iron Teapot

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Cast iron teapot, in summary: enamel-lined essential, excellent heat retention, weight + hand-wash care.

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The cast iron teapot looks the part and has real strengths and real care needs. This sits in the kit cluster beside [teapot materials](#).

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What it is

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A heavy cast iron pot (tetsubin style); most modern ones for brewing are enamel lined inside, see [teapot materials](#).

The genuine strength

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Outstanding heat retention; it keeps robust black or pu erh hot for a long time, its real advantage.

Enamel lined vs raw iron

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Enamel lined: neutral, easy, for brewing. Raw seasoned iron: traditionally for heating water, needs careful drying to avoid rust, a distinct category.

The care reality

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Dry it thoroughly; raw iron rusts if left wet; no harsh scrubbing of enamel; this is the real catch, see [how to clean a teapot](#).

What it is not ideal for

Delicate green/white tea where you want to watch the leaf and avoid prolonged heat; glass suits those better, see [glass teapot](#).

Is it worth it

For heavy robust tea drinkers who value heat retention and the object, yes; otherwise it is largely aesthetic.

Quick take

A cast iron teapot excels at heat retention for robust tea but needs proper drying and care; not for delicate greens, see [teapot materials](#).

Cast iron teapot at a glance

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Aspect	Answer
What it is	Cast iron teapot (Japanese tetsubin tradition); typically enamel-lined
Genuine strength	Excellent heat retention; tea stays hot for extended brewing/serving
Enamel-lined vs raw	ENAMEL-LINED essential for tea; raw cast iron rusts and affects flavour
Weight reality	Substantial (1-2kg+); not portable; can be unwieldy for fragile users
Care requirements	Hand-wash only; thorough drying prevents rust; gentle handling
Best for	Japanese green teas, Chinese oolongs, extended multi-cup serving
Not ideal for	Quick single-cup brewing; portable use; very delicate green tea (heat too retained)
Price range	£30-80 quality; premium versions £100-200; substantial quality at £40-60
Authentic Japanese	Premium tetsubin from established Japanese makers; substantial cost
Quality features	Even enamel coating; secure lid; well-balanced; good pour
Is it worth it	For multi-cup serving, aesthetic appeal, Japanese brewing tradition - yes
Framing	Substantial quality for specific purposes; weight and care worth considering

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- [PubMed: Tannins and non-haem iron absorption](#)
- [NHS: Iron deficiency anaemia](#)

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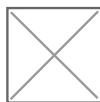
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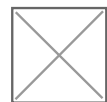
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