Glass Teapot

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> **Glass teapots, in summary:** flavour neutrality, visible brewing, easy cleaning. Less heat retention than ceramic/cast iron.

The glass teapot is the most see-through brewing vessel there is. This sits in the kit cluster beside teapot materials.

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What it is

A heat resistant glass (often borosilicate) teapot; completely neutral, it flavours nothing, see teapot materials.

The genuine strengths

You can watch the leaf unfurl and judge the liquor colour to time the steep, useful for blooming, delicate and visually expressive teas.

Neutrality

Glass adds no taste and never needs seasoning; a neutral all rounder for variety drinkers, see contrast with clay.

The trade off

Lower heat retention than cast iron or thick ceramic; strong black tea cools faster in glass, see cast iron teapot.

Care

Easy to clean and stain visible (a plus for hygiene); handle thermal shock sensibly, see how to clean a teapot.

Who it suits

Variety drinkers, delicate tea drinkers and anyone who wants to see the brew; not those prioritising long heat retention.

Best teas for it

Green, white, blooming, lighter oolong and herbal where appearance and neutrality matter, see green tea.

Quick take

A glass teapot is neutral and visually useful, a neutral all rounder; the trade off is heat retention, see teapot materials.

Glass teapot at a glance

Aspect	Answer
What it is	Borosilicate glass teapot; see brewing; aesthetic appeal
Genuine strengths	Visible brewing, flavour neutrality, easy cleaning, dishwasher-safe
Flavour neutrality	Glass doesn't affect tea taste; pure flavour expression
Aesthetic appeal	See blooming teas, leaf expansion, liquor colour; pleasant kitchen aesthetic
Heat retention	Less than ceramic; tea cools faster; less ideal for extended brewing
Care simplicity	Dishwasher-safe; easy cleaning; shows stains visibly motivating regular care
Best for	Delicate teas not needing prolonged heat; visual brewing experience; gifts
Less ideal for	Extended multi-cup serving; very cold environments; clumsy users (fragility)
Price range	£15-40 quality; established kitchen brands; substantial value at this range
Quality brands	Bodum, Hario, Forlife well-established; substantial quality
Practical fragility	Drops crack/break glass; substantial care; not for clumsy households
Capacity typical	500ml-1.5L; matched to household
Framing	Excellent for visual tea drinkers; less heat retention; reasonable value

Reference noted

- PubMed: Tannins and non-haem iron absorption

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