Tetley Tea Bag Sizes Compared: 40, 80, 240 and 400

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Pack photography and availability verified 8 August 2026.

> **Quick answer:** Tetley Original currently runs through **40, 80, 240 and 400 bags** in our shop. Forty or 80 protects freshness for lighter use; 240 or 400 rewards genuine volume. There is no current 1,100-bag product here, so this guide does not repeat that unsupported size.

Highly polished against the live shop on 8 August 2026. Stock and price are dated snapshots.

The blend is the constant; storage, cash outlay and finish time are the variables. Choose the smallest pack that comfortably reaches your next sensible reorder.

What actually changes between sizes

These are size variants of Tetley Original rather than four different blends. The useful comparison is total tea weight, box price, cost per bag, cupboard space and the number of days the box will be open. Packaging can also vary by market and batch, so current pack disposal instructions outrank an old general claim.

Match the box to weekly cups

Five cups a week would make 40 bags last about eight weeks and 400 last roughly 80. Twenty-eight cups a week (four a day) uses 40 in ten days, 80 in under three weeks, 240 in about two months and 400 in a little over three. That simple calculation is more reliable than “family size” wording.

Where the apparent saving disappears

A low pence-per-bag figure can be lost through stale aroma, crushed bags, damp storage or simply growing tired of one blend. Large packs work best when the tea is already a known favourite. New customers should establish that with 40 or 80 before buying 400.

The unsupported 1,100-bag claim

No live Tetley Original 1,100-bag product supports that proposed figure in the current catalogue, so it is deliberately excluded. Search snippets and old trade listings are not enough for a current buying guide. If a verified live format appears later, it can be added with a dated product source.

Relevant teas from our shop

These are not paid placements. They are current, in-stock examples that make the comparison concrete; each was selected because its format or flavour answers a distinct part of this guide.



Tetley Original English Breakfast, 40 Tea Bags 125g

Best for occasional use, a small cupboard or testing whether Tetley Original suits your water and milk.

When we checked on 8 August 2026: £3.00, in stock

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Tetley Original English Breakfast, 80 Tea Bags 250g

The balanced household size: lower per-bag cost than 40 without a long bulk commitment.

When we checked on 8 August 2026: £4.50, in stock

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Tetley Original English Breakfast, 240 Tea Bags 750g

A high-use family or modest workplace pack that remains easier to store than 400.

When we checked on 8 August 2026: £6.50, in stock

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Tetley Original English Breakfast, 400 Tea Bags 1.25kg

The full bulk route for fast turnover and properly sealed reserve storage.

When we checked on 8 August 2026: £11.00, in stock

View this tea in the shop

Prices and availability were checked on 8 August 2026 and can change. The product page is the source of truth at checkout.

The practical buying decision

- **40 bags:** trial, occasional drinker or limited storage.
- **80 bags:** the sensible default for many homes.
- **240 bags:** frequent family use or a smaller shared kitchen.
- **400 bags:** high turnover with dry, airtight reserve storage.

Use fresh water and a consistent steep when moving between boxes; pack size should not change the brewing standard.

Shop the wider shelf and keep reading

Browse every live option on the Tetley brand page, read the Tetley deep dive, or compare storage methods in Tea Storage.

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