

Jutrzenka Je?yki Classic: The Little Hedgehog Biscuit

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Jutrzenka Je?yki Classic: The Little Hedgehog Biscuit, in summary: Je?yki is Polish for little hedgehogs, named for a spiky biscuit topped with caramel, nuts and dried fruit under chocolate. It contains nuts. Drink it the Polish way, with strong black tea and lemon, or with black coffee.

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Je?yki takes its name from its shape: little hedgehogs, for the spiky outline of biscuit, caramel, nuts and dried fruit sitting under a [chocolate](#) coat. With that much going on in a single bite, the drink beside it should cut through rather than add more richness.

What sits under the chocolate

Most [biscuits](#) in a British tin are built around one idea: a plain bake, a cream filling or a chocolate coat. Je?yki stacks several. The maker describes it as a biscuit base carrying caramel, nuts and dried fruit, all held under chocolate, and that uneven heap beneath the coating is what gives it the spiky outline behind the name. The word Classic on the front marks it as the original line rather than a flavoured spin-off.

That construction also sets the allergen picture. Nuts are part of the recipe rather than a garnish, so this is not a biscuit for a nut-free home. An imported pack can also carry its ingredient and allergen wording in Polish, so read the pack that actually arrives before handing one round, rather than relying on an English description seen somewhere else.

Lemon, not milk: the Polish cup

In Poland strong [black tea](#) is often drunk from a glass with a slice of lemon instead of milk, and the everyday biscuits there are made to sit beside it. With a biscuit this rich, the difference matters. Milk softens and rounds, which suits a plain digestive; acidity cuts, clearing caramel and chocolate from the palate between bites. Try Je?yki both ways side by side and see which camp you fall into.

For a British cupboard, that is where [Earl Grey](#) earns its place. Its citrus scent brings a lift of its own, so a strong Earl Grey taken black gives much of the effect of the lemon glass without cutting a lemon at all. If you would rather not bother with tea, our other suggestion is black coffee, whose bitterness stands up well to

caramel and nuts.

Keeping an imported pack at its best

Biscuits made abroad have generally come a long way before they reach your shelf, so the date on the pack deserves more attention than usual. Once it is open, fold the pack closed or move the biscuits into an airtight tin somewhere cool and dry, away from the kettle and any sunny windowsill, because a chocolate coat does not take kindly to warmth. Aim to finish the pack rather than keep it for months.

Je?yki belongs in the everyday cupboard, not the tin reserved for visitors. At home in Poland it is a household staple, bought by the family for the family, and it suits a pot of something strong on a weekday afternoon. There is a small extra reason to reach for a box, too: Colian says part of the proceeds from each one goes to the Je?urkowo rehabilitation centre, a hedgehog to match the name.

The packs we stock

- [Jutrzenka Jezyki Classic Biscuits, 140g](#) (barcode 5900352002361)

What to drink with it

- [Teapigs Earl Grey Strong, 15 Tea Bags 37.5g](#): a strong black Earl Grey whose citrus note does the job of the lemon slice against caramel and chocolate.
- [Twinings Loose Leaf Earl Grey Tea, 125g](#): loose Earl Grey for a proper pot on the table, brewed strong and served black or with lemon in the Polish style.
- [Dragonfly Organic Cape Chai Rooibos, 40 Tea Bags 80g](#): warm spice to echo the dried fruit and caramel, for an afternoon when you would rather skip black tea.

Elsewhere in the Jutrzenka range

- [Jutrzenka Familijne Cream Wafers, 180g](#)
- [Jutrzenka Familijne Wafers - Cocoa, 180g](#)
- [Jutrzenka Familijne Wafers - Hazelnut, 180g](#)

The full range is on the [Jutrzenka brand page](#).

FAQ

What does Je?yki mean? Little hedgehogs, in Polish. The name comes from the spiky shape that the caramel, nuts and dried fruit give the chocolate-covered biscuit.

Does Je?yki contain nuts? Yes. Nuts are part of the recipe, so it is not suitable for a nut-free home; read the pack you receive for the full allergen wording.

Will the ingredients be printed in English? Not necessarily. An imported pack can carry its labelling in another language, so check the pack that arrives rather than an English version seen elsewhere.

How is it usually drunk in Poland? With strong black tea, often served in a glass, with lemon in place of milk.

Is Je?yki the same as Familijne? No. Familijne is a light wafer layered with cream; Je?yki is a much richer biscuit with caramel, nuts and dried fruit under chocolate.

Curator's note: Pour one cup with lemon and one with milk and try a Je?yki with each. Those who grew up with it already know their side; everyone else gets a very pleasant argument. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Jutrzenka Je?yki Classic: The Little Hedgehog Biscuit

Field	Detail
Brand	Jutrzenka
Packs we stock	140g
Category	Biscuits
Best with	Strong black tea with lemon, or black coffee
Occasion	A weekday afternoon cupboard biscuit
Watch for	Contains nuts; read the imported pack

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