

McVitie's Milk Chocolate Hobnobs Twin Pack: How to Dunk a Hobnob

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McVitie's Milk Chocolate Hobnobs Twin Pack: How to Dunk a Hobnob, in summary:

Dunk it chocolate side up in tea that has stood a minute, then get it to your mouth without dithering. The oats carry the weight, the chocolate keeps one face dry, and the twin pack keeps a sleeve in reserve.

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A Hobnob earns its standing as a dunker through how it is built. Rolled oats give it a coarse, open frame that stays standing when tea floods in, and the [chocolate](#) on one face works as a roof over half the biscuit.

Why an oat biscuit survives the mug

A biscuit built on a fine flour crumb soaks evenly and then gives up in one go, generally into the mug. An oat biscuit behaves differently. Its crumb is coarse and open, so tea rushes into the gaps, but the oat pieces themselves carry the load, and the biscuit stays in one piece for longer than all that soaking would suggest.

The chocolate does a second job. It sits on one face rather than wrapping the whole biscuit, and for the few seconds a [dunk](#) lasts it keeps tea out. Dip it chocolate side up and only the bare oat side drinks, while the coated half stays dry and rigid. It explains the result people rarely expect: the chocolate version survives the mug longer than the plain one.

Timing the dunk

Depth is rarely the problem. Fresh off the boil, the tea melts the coating at the same rate it soaks the oats, so give the mug a minute to settle before the first dip. The other enemy is dithering: a soaked biscuit keeps softening in the air, and the few seconds between cup and mouth are where most dunks are lost.

Tea with milk in a sturdy mug is the natural setting. Under its sweetness the oat has a savoury edge that keeps the whole biscuit in balance, so a strong brew sits comfortably beside it rather than fighting it. This is a mid-morning biscuit, nothing ceremonial, and it wants nothing fancier than an everyday blend.

The case for a twin pack

The twin pack splits the [biscuits](#) into two sealed sleeves of 262g each, instead of one long one. Open one and the other stays sealed and fresh until you need it. Oats make that more important than usual, because the open crumb that makes it such a good dunker also lets damp in quickly once air reaches it.

So treat the second sleeve as a reserve, not a spare to open alongside the first. Keep the opened sleeve folded tight or tip it into a tin, well away from the kettle's steam. The count and the full label details are printed on the pack itself, which is the place to check anything about what goes into the biscuit.

The packs we stock

- [McVitie's Hobnobs The Oaty One Milk Chocolate Twin Pack Biscuits, 2 x 262g](#) (barcode 5000168034270)

What to drink with it

- [Yorkshire Tea Original Loose Leaf Tea, 250g](#): A strong everyday brew with milk, the mug a mid-morning Hobnob dunk is made for.
- [Twinings English Breakfast Plant Based, 40 Tea Bags 100g](#): A full [English Breakfast](#) cup; let it stand for a minute after pouring before the first dunk.
- [Clipper Fairtrade Everyday Tea, 80 Pack 232g](#): A reliable everyday [black tea](#) that takes milk well and has the strength to stand beside the oat's savoury edge.
- [Kenco Smooth Instant Coffee Paper Refill, 150g](#): For coffee drinkers, a smooth instant made milky sits easily beside oats and milk chocolate.

Elsewhere in the McVitie's range

- [McVitie's Club Layers Orange, 39g](#)
- [McVitie's Club Mint Biscuit Bars Multipack, 7 Bars 154g](#)
- [McVitie's Club Orange Biscuit Bars Multipack, 7 Bars 154g](#)
- [McVitie's Club Salted Caramel Flavour Biscuit Bars Multipack, 7 x 22g](#)
- [McVitie's Dark Chocolate Digestive Biscuits, 266g](#)
- [McVitie's Digestive Pink Raspberry & Cream Flavour, Limited Edition, 232g](#)

The full range is on the [McVitie's brand page](#).

FAQ

Which side of a chocolate Hobnob should face the tea? The bare oat side. Hold it chocolate side up, and the coating keeps tea off that face for the few seconds that count.

Why does my Hobnob fall apart in the tea? Usually the tea is too hot or the biscuit hovers too long between cup and mouth. Let the mug stand a minute and do not hesitate.

Does a chocolate Hobnob dunk better than a plain one? It lasts longer, because the coated face stays dry and keeps half the biscuit rigid.

Why buy Hobnobs as a twin pack? Each of the two sleeves is sealed separately, so one stays fresh while you work through the other.

When is the best time for a Hobnob? Mid-morning, in our view, with a strong mug of tea and milk. It is an everyday biscuit rather than a ceremonial one.

Curator's note: Let the kettle settle, chocolate side up, straight to your mouth. Do it that way once and you will not go back. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: McVitie's Milk Chocolate Hobnobs Twin Pack: How to Dunk a Hobnob

Field	Detail
Brand	McVitie's
Packs we stock	2 x 262g
Category	Chocolate Biscuits
Dunkable	Yes, chocolate side up
Best with	A strong everyday tea with milk
Occasion	Mid-morning

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