

Nescafé Vanilla Latte: Water, Milk or Half and Half

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Nescafé Vanilla Latte: Water, Milk or Half and Half, in summary: A milky, sweet latte sachet with vanilla folded in. Hot water works, but half water and half hot milk is where it shines; let the kettle rest first so the vanilla stays in the mug.

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Vanilla can make a milk coffee taste rounder or make it taste like scent, and on this sachet the difference comes down to how you pour. Treat the water gently and the drink behaves the way vanilla does in a custard: warmer, softer, never shouty.

Where the vanilla sits

The published list reads sugar, glucose syrup, skimmed milk powder at 20%, coconut oil and instant coffee at 6%, then lactose, natural flavourings, acidity regulators and salt. It contains milk. In the cup that adds up to a sweet, creamy drink on a soft roasted base: vanilla comes first, the coffee a gentle second, and nobody buys this box for the coffee alone.

Vanilla is a fat-soluble flavour, so rather than floating on top it settles into the milk and makes the dairy taste fuller. That is how vanilla behaves in a custard, and here it is pitched sensibly: obvious, but never the only thing you can taste. The flavour travels on volatile aromatics, though, and that is where the way you make it starts to matter.

Half water, half milk

Hot water alone gives the drink as it was designed, because the milk is already in the powder. The version worth trying, though, is half water and half hot milk: the sachet keeps its sweetness and vanilla while gaining a body that powder alone cannot give it. Dissolve the powder in the hot water first, then add the warmed milk and stir well.

Temperature decides whether the vanilla reaches you at all. Water taken straight off a rolling boil sends a good share of the aromatics up as steam, so let the kettle rest for about thirty seconds after it clicks. A saucer laid over the mug for the first minute keeps more of the scent in the drink rather than in the kitchen.

Where it fits in the Nescafé line-up

The plain Nescafé Latte sachets are the same drink without the vanilla, the straightforward pick for a milky coffee every morning. This box is for the afternoon when something plainer will not hit the spot. And because the flavour is sweetened by design and cannot be lifted out of the mix, anyone who wants a milky sachet without the sweetness should look at the Cappuccino Unsweetened Taste pack instead.

Seven sachets make seven mugs, 129.5g in the box, enough for one a day across a week. That is the right rhythm for it. Unapologetically sweet, it works best as a pudding in a cup rather than a breakfast coffee, and anyone hoping it will replace an everyday jar is likely to tire of it well before the box is empty.

The packs we stock

- [Nescafe Vanilla Latte Instant Coffee, 7 Sachets](#) (barcode 8445291747166)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for Nescafe Vanilla Latte Instant Coffee, 7 Sachets (barcode 8445291747166) says it contains milk. Vanilla latte recipes and their milk labelling get revised, so check the 7 sachet box you buy.

Ingredients, as published: sugar, glucose syrup, skimmed milk powder (20%), coconut oil, instant coffee (6%), lactose (milk), natural flavourings, acidity regulators (sodium bicarbonate, citric acid), salt.

Ingredient and nutrition data for this barcode: [Open Food Facts \(openfoodfacts.org\)](https://openfoodfacts.org), ODbL. Your vanilla latte box has the last word.

What to eat with it

- [Maryland Cookies Double Chocolate, 200g](#): [Chocolate](#) and vanilla are an old partnership, and a double chocolate cookie gives the soft mug some depth.
- [McVitie's Hobnobs Milk Chocolate Biscuits, 262g](#): A sturdy milk chocolate biscuit suits a creamy, sweet mug and copes with a brief [dunk](#).
- [Border Dark Chocolate Ginger Organic Biscuits, 150g](#): Ginger warmth cuts through vanilla and milk, which stops a sweet afternoon from turning cloying.

Elsewhere in the Nescafé range

- [Nescafe Azera Americano Decaff Instant Coffee, 90g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Americano Instant Coffee, 140g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Americano Intense Instant Coffee with Finely Ground Beans, 140g](#)
- [Nescafe Azera Decaf Americano Instant Coffee with Finely Ground Beans, 135g](#)
- [Nescafe Cappuccino Decaf Unsweetened Taste Instant Coffee Sachets, 7 Sachets 105g](#)
- [Nescafe Cappuccino Instant Coffee, 7 Sachets](#)

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

FAQ

Does a Nescafé Vanilla Latte need milk adding? No. Milk powder is in the mix, so hot water alone works; swapping half the water for hot milk simply makes it richer.

Why does my vanilla latte smell good but taste of little? The aroma left as steam. Let the kettle rest for about thirty seconds and cover the mug for the first minute.

Is there an unsweetened version? Not of this flavour. For a milky sachet without the sweetness, the Cappuccino Unsweetened Taste pack is the one to look at.

How is it different from the plain Nescafé Latte? It is the same style of sachet with vanilla folded in, so it tastes softer, rounder and more like a treat.

Does it contain milk? Yes. The published ingredient list includes skimmed milk powder and lactose, so it is not for a dairy-free household.

Curator's note: Do the half-milk version on a cold afternoon and water will seem a poor second. Keep it for the afternoons, though; as an all-day coffee it wears thin. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Nescafé Vanilla Latte: Water, Milk or Half and Half

Field	Detail
Brand	Nescafé
Packs we stock	7 Sachets
Category	Instant Coffee
Allergens (as published)	It contains milk.
Caffeine	caffeinated
Best build	Half water, half hot milk
Water	Rested about thirty seconds off the boil
Occasion	The afternoon treat mug

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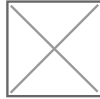
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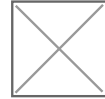
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