

Tetley Everyday Softpack: why the pouch matters

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Tetley Everyday Softpack: why the pouch matters, in summary: Tetley's brisk everyday blend in a resealable pouch of 80, 160 or 240 bags. The pouch keeps kitchen smells off the tea and shrinks as it empties. Brew three minutes and add milk once the bag is out.

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Tea leaf soaks up whatever smells sit around it, and a carton with its flap tucked in does little to stop that. The resealable pouch is the real difference between this and a boxed Tetley, and the bigger the pack, the more it counts.

What the softpack changes

The tea inside is Tetley's everyday blend, and the only ingredient listed is [black tea](#). What differs is the outer pack. A carton is opened once and then stands half empty for weeks, letting air and the smell of the coffee jar reach the bags every time someone makes a mug. A pouch that closes properly keeps the last bags much closer to the first, and it folds down as it empties, so it takes up less of the cupboard.

It would be easy to call the pouch greener as well, and we will not. The pouch is lighter on material than a box, but flexible packs like this are often the harder of the two to recycle at the kerb. The current pack says which route applies and your local council decides whether it is collected, so read both before assuming either way.

Choosing between the three pouch sizes

All three pouches hold the same blend, so choose by how quickly your household gets through it. The 80-bag pouch suits one or two people and an ordinary week of mugs. The 160 is the family size. The 240 is for a busy kitchen or an office where the kettle rarely rests, and it is the size where resealing earns its keep, because that pouch may stay open for many weeks.

Whichever size you pick, seal the pouch between mugs and store it away from the kettle, the coffee and anything strongly scented. Tetley's everyday blend has very little aroma to lose, which makes it forgiving, but it will still take on the smell of a spice rack if it lives right next to one.

A three-minute brisk mug

The Tetley signature is briskness: a sharp, quick taste that arrives at once, with medium body and a clean, drying grip in the mouth. Brew it for three minutes with freshly boiled water; cut that to two if you like it weak, or stretch to four for a strong, milky mug. Beyond five minutes it goes harsh without getting any stronger, so keep an eye on the clock as the brew finishes rather than as it begins.

Add milk last, once the bag is out. Cold milk poured into a mug that is still brewing cools the water and stalls extraction, and that is the usual reason a milk-first mug looks pale. The body sits just short of the heaviest everyday blends, so a normal splash is right; drown it and the tea will show the strain.

The packs we stock

- [Tetley Everyday, Softpack, 80 Tea Bags](#) (barcode 5000208030699)
- [Tetley Everyday, Softpack, 160 Tea Bags](#) (barcode 5000208014316)
- [Tetley Everyday, Softpack, 240 Tea Bags](#) (barcode 5000208069897)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for Tetley Everyday, Softpack, 240 Tea Bags (barcode 5000208069897) names none of the 14 major allergens. Check the current UK pack before purchase; formulations and allergen advice can change.

Ingredients, as published: Black tea.

Typical values per 100g Per 100g

Energy	4 kcal
Fat	0g
of which saturates	0g
Carbohydrate	0.3g
of which sugars	0g
Protein	0g
Salt	0g

Ingredient and nutrition data for this barcode: Open Food Facts (openfoodfacts.org), ODbL. The pack in your hands is the final word.

What to eat with it

- [McVitie's Hobnobs Milk Choc Jumbo Pack Biscuits, 431g](#): Oats and milk [chocolate](#) give a sharp, milky mug something rounder to set against it, and a jumbo pack keeps pace with a big pouch.
- [Border Classic Biscuit Sharing Pack, 400g](#): A sharing pack of [biscuits](#) for the office or family table, which is where the 240-bag pouch tends to live.
- [McVitie's Digestives Milk Chocolate Mini Biscuits Snack Multipack, 5 x 19g](#): Small portioned packs for lunchboxes and desk drawers, alongside a mug from the 80-bag pouch.

Elsewhere in the Tetley range

- [Tetley 75 x Black Smooth Decaf Finest, 237g](#)
- [Tetley Everyday Decaffeinated, 80 Tea Bags 250g](#)

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

FAQ

Is the softpack the same tea as boxed Tetley? Yes. It is Tetley's everyday blend in a different outer pack, and the resealable pouch is the difference.

Is the softpack greener than a carton? Not automatically. It uses less material but is often harder to recycle at the kerb, so check the pack and your council's guidance.

How long should I brew Tetley Everyday? Three minutes in water just off the boil, two for weak and four for strong and milky. Beyond five minutes it turns harsh.

Milk in first or last? Last, after the bag is out, so the water stays hot enough to finish brewing.

Which pouch size should I buy? The 80 for a small household, the 160 for a family and the 240 for an office or a kitchen that drinks it by the pot.

Curator's note: Buy the pouch that matches your kettle habit, seal it every time and keep it well away from the coffee. Three minutes, bag out, then milk: that is the whole method. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Tetley Everyday Softpack: why the pouch matters

Field	Detail
Brand	Tetley
Packs we stock	Softpack, 80 Tea Bags; Softpack, 160 Tea Bags; Softpack, 240 Tea Bags
Category	Everyday Tea Bags
Allergens (as published)	The published ingredient list for this barcode names none of the 14 major allergens.
Caffeine	caffeinated
Character	Brisk and medium-bodied
Brew	Three minutes, milk after the bag is out
Pouch to pick	80 for a small household, 160 for a family, 240 for an office

More from the tea wiki

- [Tetley: Caffeine Levels by Product](#)
- [How to Make Tea Properly: The Eight Step Method](#)
- [Caffeine in Tea](#)
- [Tea Pairing Principles: Reason, Don't Memorise](#)
- [Builders' Tea: The Working Class Story](#)

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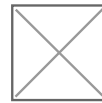
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