Border Biscuits and Tea: A Pairing Guide

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> **Border biscuits and tea, in short:** Match the weight of the tea to the weight of the biscuit. Ginger and dark chocolate want a strong malty tea, buttery and lemon biscuits want something lighter, and a mixed pack wants an everyday blend everyone drinks.

The rule for pairing a biscuit with tea is to match strength with strength. A fiery ginger biscuit flattens a delicate tea, and a strong brew drowns a light lemon biscuit. Below is one tea for each Border biscuit in our range, with the reasoning, so you can swap in a tea you already own.

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Who makes Border biscuits

Border is a family bakery in Lanark, Scotland. The company dates itself to 1984, when John Cunningham bought a small factory in the town, and it still bakes in Lanarkshire today. Our Border Biscuits guide tells the longer story, and the full range is on the Border shelf.

One biscuit, one tea

The biscuit descriptions follow the maker's own. The pairings are ours, built on how each style of tea is usually described, not on a tasting panel.

Border biscuit	What it is	Tea to pour	Why
Butterscotch Crunch	A buttery, crunchy biscuit with butterscotch pieces	Yorkshire Tea Gold	A rich breakfast blend stands up to caramel sweetness
Dark Chocolate Ginger	Fiery ginger with smooth dark chocolate	Twinings Assam	Assam is usually described as malty and strong, which suits dark chocolate
Dark Chocolate Raspberry	Dark chocolate with real fruit pieces	Twinings Darjeeling	A lighter, more floral black tea lets the fruit show
Fiery Ginger Crunch	A warm, spicy ginger biscuit	Tetley Extra Strong	A strong tea with milk is the classic partner for a hard ginger biscuit
Lemon Drizzle Melts	Delicate and light, with subtle citrus	Twinings the Earl Grey	Earl Grey is black tea flavoured with bergamot, a citrus fruit, so citrus meets citrus

Milk Chocolate Ginger	The fiery ginger biscuit covered in milk chocolate	Thompson's Irish Breakfast	A malty Irish blend with milk echoes the milk chocolate
Milk Chocolate Viennese Whirls	Buttery swirls coated in milk chocolate	Dragonfly Organic Vanilla Rooibos	A soft vanilla cup with no caffeine, for the evening biscuit
Classic Biscuit Sharing Pack	Six varieties in one box	PG Tips Original	A mixed plate needs an everyday tea that everyone at the table will drink
Dark Chocolate Ginger Biscuit Bars	The Dark Chocolate Ginger in wrapped bar form	Tea India Masala Chai	Spiced tea beside a spiced biscuit

Border originals and the sharing pack

The crunchy and buttery biscuits from the table, plus the mixed box.



Border Butterscotch Crunch Organic Biscuits, 135g

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Border Fiery Ginger Crunch, 135g

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Border Lemon Drizzle Melts Organic Biscuits, 150g

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Border Classic Biscuit Sharing Pack, 400g

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How the pairings work

Three ideas sit behind the table.

- **Match strength.** Ginger and dark chocolate are loud flavours, so they get the strongest teas. If you want other candidates, see our strong breakfast tea bags.
- **Echo one flavour.** Lemon with bergamot, spice with chai, vanilla with butter. One shared note is enough.

- **Think about milk.** Milk softens a tea, which is what a chocolate coated biscuit wants. Lemon Drizzle Melts are the exception: Earl Grey is often drunk without milk.

The tea pairing chart applies the same thinking to other foods, and chocolate and tea pairings goes deeper on the chocolate coated half of the range.

Border chocolate biscuits

Dark and milk chocolate ginger, dark chocolate raspberry and Viennese whirls.



Border Dark Chocolate Ginger Organic Biscuits, 150g

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Border Milk Chocolate Ginger, 150g

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Border Dark Chocolate Raspberry Biscuits, 150g

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Dunking

Some of these biscuits are for dunking and some are not. The plain crunchy ones, Butterscotch Crunch and Fiery Ginger Crunch, are the natural dunkers. Chocolate coated biscuits melt in a hot mug, so dip quickly or do not dip at all.

Our guide to the best biscuit to dunk in tea covers the wider field, and biscuit dunking physics explains what happens in the mug.

What is in the Classic Sharing Pack

Border lists six varieties in the Classic Sharing Pack: Milk Chocolate Viennese Whirls, Butterscotch Crunch, Buttery Shortbread Rings, Chocolate Oat Crumbles, Sultana Melts and Chocolatey Cookies. That is why it gets an all rounder tea in the table. It is the one to buy for an office or a family visit, when you cannot ask everyone what they like.

Pairings at a glance

If the biscuit is	Pour
Ginger or dark chocolate	A strong malty tea: Assam, an Irish blend or an extra strong breakfast tea
Buttery or caramel	A rich breakfast blend such as Yorkshire Tea Gold
Lemon or fruit	Earl Grey or Darjeeling
For the evening	A rooibos, which is naturally free of caffeine
A mixed plate	An everyday blend such as PG Tips Original

Common questions

Which Border biscuit is best with a normal cup of tea?

Our pick is Butterscotch Crunch. It is plain enough to sit beside any breakfast blend, and it is one of the crunchy biscuits in the range.

What tea goes with ginger biscuits?

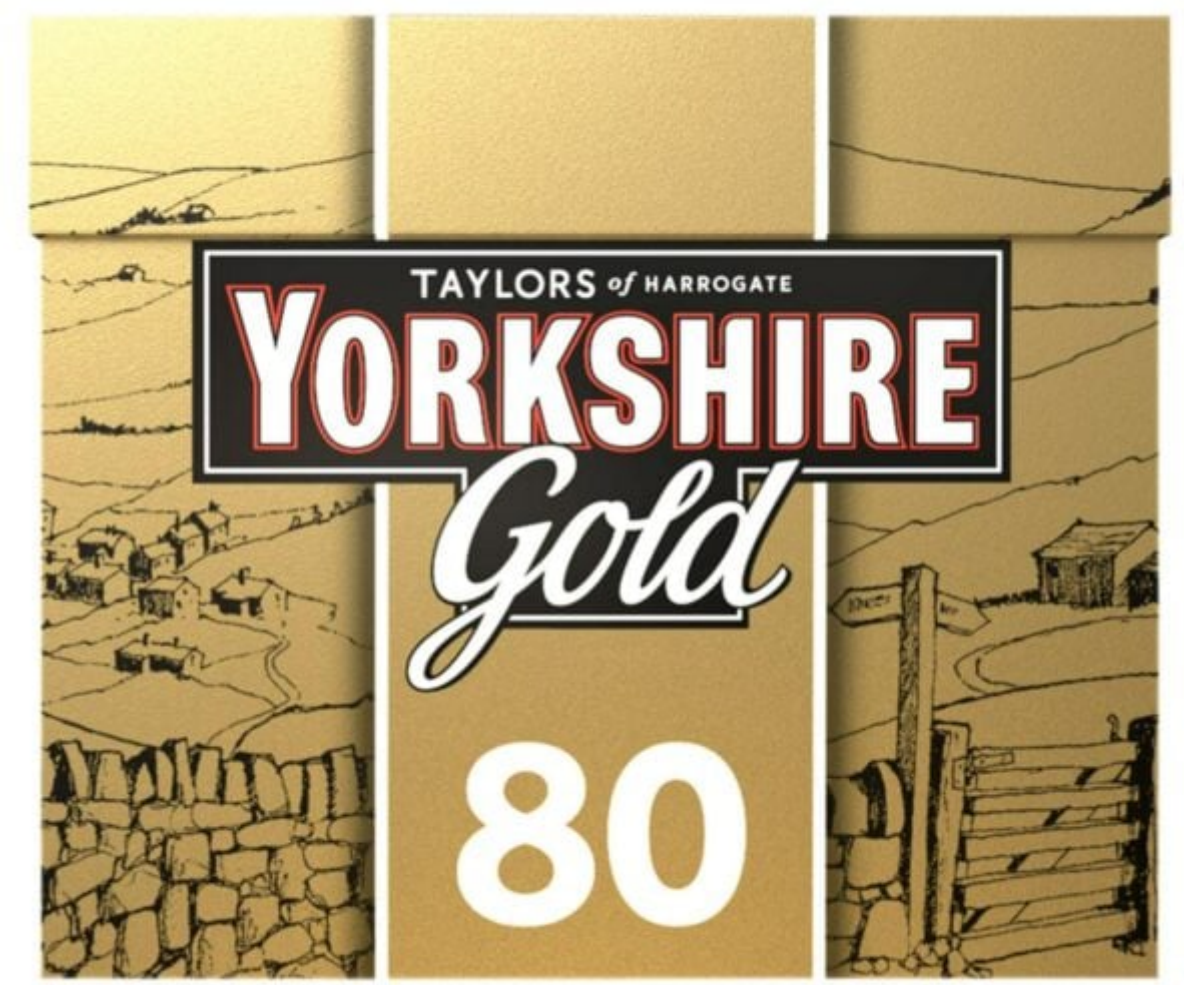
A strong black tea with milk. Assam, an Irish breakfast blend or an extra strong blend all have the weight to meet the ginger.

Are Border biscuits made in Scotland?

Yes. Border says its bakery has been in Lanark since 1984 and moved to its present Lanarkshire site in 1996.

The teas from the pairings

A rich breakfast blend, an Assam, an Earl Grey and a vanilla rooibos.



Yorkshire Tea Gold Blend, 80 Tea Bags 250g

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Twinings Assam, 80 Tea Bags 200g

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Twinings the Earl Grey Plant Based, 80 Tea Bags 200g

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Dragonfly Organic Vanilla Rooibos, 40 Tea Bags 100g

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Reference noted

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