Border Butterscotch Crunch

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> **Border Butterscotch Crunch, in summary:** Scottish butterscotch butter biscuit: the teas it pairs with and why, the ones to avoid, dunking and storage. From Border Biscuits, Lanark.

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Border Butterscotch Crunch is a Scottish butter biscuit with butterscotch chips, made by Border Biscuits in Lanark since 1984. It is one of the best biscuit pairings for tea on the UK shelf: the butterscotch matches sweet malty teas very well, the buttery shortbread base supports stronger blacks, and the texture takes a dunk without immediately collapsing. This is a focused page on what it pairs with and why.

What's in the biscuit

Wheat flour, butter (real, Scottish), butterscotch chips (sugar, butter, golden syrup), sugar, salt. No palm oil, no artificial flavours. Made in small batches at the Lanark bakery; same family owned recipe since the brand started.

The pairings

1. Rooibos / Redbush, the canonical pairing. Butterscotch and rooibos's natural woody sweet character harmonise. The biscuit's butter cuts through; the rooibos lifts the butterscotch. Try with Dragonfly Vanilla Rooibos, the vanilla bridges both flavours.

2. Earl Grey, the surprising one. Bergamot's citrus floral character pairs beautifully with butterscotch's caramelised sugar. The butter biscuit base supports the bergamot. Twinings Earl Grey works; Whittard Earl Grey works better.

3. English Breakfast, the safe default. Yorkshire Gold, Twinings English Breakfast Strong, or Hyson Premium Breakfast. The malt of black tea complements the butterscotch.

4. After dinner Yorkshire Gold. The biscuit and the cup together are a small, complete dessert.

Pairings to avoid

- **Green tea.** Too austere. The butterscotch overpowers the leaf.
- **Pure peppermint.** Mint and butterscotch fight rather than harmonise.

- **Strong Lapsang Souchong.** Smoky savoury vs butter sweet, clashes.

Dunking guide

Border Butterscotch Crunch is a 2-3 dunk biscuit. The butterscotch chips soften but the shortbread base holds. Dunk for 2 seconds, lift, eat. More than 3 dunks risks structural collapse.

Storage

Keep sealed in a tin or original packet. The butter content makes them sensitive to humidity; an open pack goes soft within a few days in a damp kitchen. Rebake briefly (3 minutes at 150°C) to crisp up if they've gone slightly soft.

Ordering and delivery

We stock Border Butterscotch Crunch in standard 150g packs and the larger sharing pack. Royal Mail Tracked from our Tunbridge Wells unit. Free UK delivery on orders over £35, typical biscuit and tea pairing baskets cross the threshold easily.

FAQ

What tea goes best with Border Butterscotch Crunch? Rooibos (especially vanilla rooibos), Earl Grey, or English Breakfast. The pairing rule: sweet malty cup, never austere green or smoky.

Are Border biscuits Scottish? Yes. Border Biscuits is family owned and based in Lanark, Scotland, since 1984.

Are they vegan? No, contain butter (real dairy). Border do other lines that are vegan; Butterscotch Crunch isn't.

Curator's note: a vanilla rooibos with two Border Butterscotch Crunch biscuits is the curator's favourite 4pm break. Take it from there. Lee, teas.co.uk.

The pairings at a glance

Tea	Why it works	Verdict
Vanilla rooibos	woody sweet rooibos lifts the butterscotch, vanilla bridges both	the canonical match
Earl Grey	bergamot citrus floral against caramelised sugar, butter base carries it	the surprising winner
English Breakfast	black tea malt complements butterscotch	the safe default
After dinner Yorkshire Gold	biscuit plus cup reads as a small dessert	a complete finish
Green tea	too austere, butterscotch overpowers the leaf	avoid
Pure peppermint / strong Lapsang	mint fights, smoke clashes with butter sweet	avoid

The rule underneath the table is simple: butterscotch wants a sweet malty or aromatic cup, never an austere green or a smoky black, because the chip is caramelised sugar and the base is real Scottish butter

shortbread that needs a tea with body to sit beside it. That is why it is a two to three dunk biscuit, the chips soften but the shortbread holds, and why the same logic decides every other Border match in the tea and food pairings guide.

Easy picks alongside this one: English Breakfast, Earl Grey, green tea, loose leaf tea, Darjeeling, oolong, and herbal tea. There is plenty more in the tea shop, with free UK postage on orders above £35.

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