

Iced Tea Recipes: Hot Brew and Cold Brew

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Iced tea recipes, in summary: Iced tea works two ways; hot-brewed double-strength over ice, or cold-brewed loose-leaf in the fridge over 8-12 hours; both deliver clean cold cups.

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Iced tea recipes go far beyond "tea over ice." Cold brewing, layered fruit teas, sparkling tea, [bubble tea](#), milky iced teas, mocktails, slushies, the iced category is the most variety rich part of the tea world. This is the working recipes guide.

The classic recipes

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Lemon [Iced Black](#) Tea

- 4 [Yorkshire](#) Tea or [English Breakfast](#) bags + 1L cold water
- Cold brew 6 hours OR hot brew strong + ice
- Add juice of 1 lemon
- 2-3 tbsp sugar (or to taste)
- Serve over ice with lemon wedges and mint

[Iced Green](#) Tea with Honey

- 4 sencha bags + 1L cold water
- Cold brew 8 hours
- Strain
- 1 tbsp honey stirred in
- Slice of lemon, ice

Iced [Earl Grey](#)

- 4 Earl Grey bags + 1L cold water
- Cold brew 4-6 hours (don't go longer, [bergamot](#) can go acrid)
- Slice of lemon, ice

Iced Hibiscus

- 4 hibiscus bags or 4 tbsp dried hibiscus + 1L cold water
- Cold brew 4-6 hours
- Sweeten generously with sugar or honey
- Slice of lime, mint

Iced Mint Tea

- 4 Pukka Three Mint or Dragonfly Three Mint Medley bags + 1L cold water
- Cold brew 8 hours
- Fresh mint sprigs to serve

The festive recipes

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Caribbean Sorrel (Christmas tradition)

1. 50g dried hibiscus + 30g fresh ginger sliced + 4 cloves + 1 cinnamon stick + zest of 1 orange.
2. Steep in 1L boiling water 30 minutes covered.
3. Strain. Sweeten generously (200-300g sugar).
4. Optional: add 100ml white rum.
5. Refrigerate. Serve cold.

Spiced Iced Chai

1. 4 chai bags + 1L cold water + cinnamon stick + 4 cardamom pods.
2. Cold brew 8-12 hours.
3. Strain.
4. Serve over ice with cold milk.

The mocktail recipes

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Sparkling Hibiscus Mocktail

- Cold brewed hibiscus (strong)
- Top with sparkling water (50:50)
- Lime juice, fresh mint, ice

Earl Grey Tea tini (non alcoholic)

- Cold brewed Earl Grey, 60ml
- Lemon juice, 15ml
- Honey syrup, 15ml
- Shake with ice; strain into a coupe glass
- Lemon twist garnish

For the alcoholic version, see [Earl Grey Martini recipe](#).

Iced Green Mojito (non alcoholic)

- Cold brewed green tea, 200ml
- Fresh mint, muddled
- Lime juice, 15ml
- Honey, 1 tsp
- Top with sparkling water; ice

The dessert leaning recipes

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Hong Kong Iced Milk Tea

- 4 strong brewed Yorkshire Tea bags in 250ml hot water, steep 5 min
- Strain
- 3 tbsp condensed milk
- Pour over ice
- Stir to combine

Bubble Tea (basic)

1. Cook tapioca pearls per package directions; cool.
2. Brew 2 strong bag black tea in 200ml hot water; steep 5 min.
3. Strain. Cool.
4. In tall glass: 2 tbsp cooked tapioca + 100ml strong brewed tea + 100ml milk + 1 tbsp sugar.
5. Add ice; shake or stir.
6. Drink with a wide straw.

Iced Matcha Latte

- 2g matcha whisked with 50ml warm water (paste)
- 200ml cold milk
- 1 tsp honey
- Pour over ice; stir

The slushy recipes

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Hibiscus Slushie

1. Cold brew strong hibiscus (4 bags + 500ml water).
2. Sweeten generously while hot.
3. Pour into ice cube trays; freeze.
4. Blend frozen cubes with 100ml fresh brewed hibiscus.
5. Serve in a tall glass with mint.

Green Tea Slushie

Same approach with cold brewed green tea + honey.

The party recipes

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Iced Tea Punch (serves 8)

1. 2L cold brewed black tea
2. 500ml fresh lemonade
3. 500ml sparkling water
4. 1 sliced orange + 1 sliced lemon + fresh mint
5. Serve in a punch bowl over ice

Tropical Iced Tea (serves 6)

1. 1.5L cold brewed Hyson Tropical (or any fruit tea blend)
2. 500ml pineapple juice
3. Mint, lime wedges
4. Serve in a glass jug over ice

FAQ

Best base for iced tea recipes? Cold brewed green tea (smooth, low bitter) for sweet and citrus drinks; cold brewed black tea for richer iced drinks; cold brewed hibiscus for vivid colour.

How sweet should iced tea be? American Southern: 4-5 tbsp per litre. British: 1-2 tbsp per litre. Adjust to taste.

Can I make iced tea cocktails? Yes, Earl Grey martini, gin + iced Earl Grey, vodka + cold brewed hibiscus. Tea based cocktails are a real category.

How long does iced tea keep? 3-4 days in the fridge for cold brewed; less for hot brewed then chilled (1-2 days).

Best for a hot summer day? Cold brewed sencha + lemon + honey. Smooth, refreshing, naturally sweet.

Curator's note: iced tea recipes are the underused category in British tea drinking. As UK summers get hotter, this is the part of tea drinking worth investing in. Make a litre on Sunday; drink across the week. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: iced tea recipes

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Category	Note
Classic iced black	English Breakfast or Ceylon, hot-brewed, double-strength, over ice
Cold-brew iced	Loose-leaf in cold water, 8-12 hours fridge; gentler extraction
Iced peach	Black tea base + fresh peach + light syrup; the Southern classic
Iced lemon	Black tea base + fresh lemon + light syrup; the European classic
Iced matcha	Matcha + cold milk or water; quick whisk-and-pour
Festive iced	Spiced chai cold-brew + milk; Christmas iced chai
Slushy iced	Blended frozen tea + fruit; summer party staple
Key tip	Always double-strength if hot-brewed; the ice dilutes

Source iced-tea-suitable leaf in the [black tea range](#), the [green tea range](#), or the full [tea shop](#).

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