

How to Make Matcha Properly: The 60 Second Method

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Making matcha at home, in summary: Home matcha takes 60 seconds and a chasen plus a wide bowl, water at 70-80C never boiling, whisked to a fine foam, dramatically better and cheaper than cafe matcha.

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Making matcha properly takes 60 seconds, costs £8-15 of [equipment](#) investment, and produces a cup that's dramatically better than the £4 [matcha latte](#) at your local café. The technique is simple: sift, add water, whisk, drink. This is the working preparation guide.

What you need

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Essential equipment

- **Bamboo whisk (chasen).** £8-15. Specifically designed for matcha, has 80-120 fine bamboo prongs that aerate the powder into the water without clumping. A regular kitchen whisk WILL NOT work.
- **Wide bowl (chawan).** Or any wide ceramic bowl about 12-15cm wide. Width matters, narrow vessels don't allow proper whisking motion.
- **Sifter (small fine mesh).** Helpful for breaking up matcha clumps before whisking. Optional but recommended.
- **Measuring spoon (chashaku).** Optional, bamboo scoop. A regular ½ teaspoon works.

Ingredients

- Quality matcha (ceremonial for neat drinking; culinary for lattes)

- Hot water at 70-80°C (NOT boiling)

The basic preparation (usucha, thin matcha)

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1. **Sift the matcha.** 1-2g (½-1 tsp) into the bowl through the fine mesh.
2. **Add a small amount of hot water.** 30ml of 70-80°C water.
3. **Whisk to a paste.** Use the chasen in W or M motion, back and forth, not circular.
4. **Add the rest of the water.** Total to 70-80ml.
5. **Whisk briskly.** Continue the W/M motion for 15-30 seconds until a fine foam forms on top.
6. **Drink immediately.** Don't wait, matcha settles within minutes.

The thick preparation (koicha, for ceremony)

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For premium ceremonial matcha used in [Japanese](#) tea ceremonies:

1. 3-4g matcha in the bowl.
2. 40-50ml hot water (less than usucha).
3. Whisk gently and slowly to a thick, syrupy consistency. No foam.
4. Drink in 2-3 sips.

Koicha uses only premium ceremonial matcha. Not for daily drinking.

Matcha latte

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1. Sift 1-2g matcha (culinary grade is fine).
2. Add 30ml hot water (70-80°C).
3. Whisk to a paste.
4. Add 200ml steamed or hot milk.
5. Sweeten with 1-2 tsp honey or sugar.
6. Stir to combine.

Iced matcha latte

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1. Sift 1-2g matcha.
2. Add 30ml warm water (50-60°C).
3. Whisk to a paste.
4. Add 200ml cold milk.
5. Add 1 tsp honey.
6. Pour over ice in a tall glass.
7. Stir to combine.

The whisking motion (the only tricky bit)

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The chasen technique is straightforward:

- **Hold the chasen lightly.** Don't grip it.
- **Use a W or M motion.** Back and forth across the bowl, not circular stirring.
- **Use your wrist, not your arm.** The motion should be quick and small.
- **Whisk for 15-30 seconds.** Until visible fine foam forms on top.

It feels awkward the first 2-3 times. By the fifth attempt it's automatic.

Common [mistakes](#)

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- **Boiling water.** Bitters the cup. 70-80°C is right.
- **Skipping the sifting step.** Lumps don't dissolve in whisking.
- **Wrong whisk.** Kitchen whisk doesn't aerate properly. Use bamboo chasen.
- **Wrong bowl.** Narrow vessels don't allow proper whisking motion.
- **Not enough matcha.** A pinch produces watery cup. Use 1-2g for usucha.
- **Drinking later.** Matcha settles. Drink immediately after whisking.

[Caffeine](#) in home prepared matcha

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Per cup:

- Usucha (1-2g matcha): 60-120mg caffeine
- Koicha (3-4g matcha): 180-320mg caffeine
- Matcha latte (2g): 120-160mg caffeine

Significantly higher than steeped [green tea](#) (25-40mg per cup) because the whole leaf is consumed.

Storage

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Matcha oxidises rapidly:

- **Unopened tin:** 12 months from manufacture.
- **Opened tin:** 4-6 weeks for peak vivid green and umami. Beyond that, the cup dulls.
- **Storage:** Airtight tin, fridge for opened (return to room temp before use), cool dark cupboard for unopened.

Equipment buying guide

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- **Cheap chasen (£8-12):** From Amazon or Asian groceries. Adequate for daily home use.
- **Premium chasen (£25-50):** Hand made Japanese bamboo. For enthusiasts.
- **Bowl:** Any wide ceramic bowl works (cereal bowl, soup bowl). Specialist matcha bowls are aesthetic but not functionally necessary.
- **Sifter:** Tea strainer or small fine mesh sieve.

FAQ

How do I make matcha at home? Sift, add 70-80°C water, whisk with bamboo chasen in W motion for 15-30 seconds until foamy.

What [temperature](#) water? 70-80°C, NOT boiling. Boiling water bitters matcha.

Do I need a bamboo whisk? Yes, kitchen whisks don't aerate properly. £8-12 chasen is essential.

[Ceremonial vs culinary matcha](#) for home? Ceremonial for neat (whisked usucha). Culinary for lattes and baking.

Best matcha brand UK? Clearspring Premium Ceremonial for accessible quality. Specialist Japanese imports for premium.

Curator's note: home matcha is dramatically better than café matcha. £15 of equipment + £20 of decent matcha = 30 cups of properly made matcha. Once you've whisked your own, the syrupy concentrate based café version permanently disappoints. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

Making matcha at a glance

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Step / factor	The answer
Kit that matters	Bamboo chasen + a wide bowl (kitchen whisk will not work)
Water	70-80C, never boiling
Method	Sift, paste, add water, W/M whisk 15-30s, drink at once
Grade	Ceremonial neat; culinary for lattes/baking
Caffeine	~60-120mg usucha (whole leaf, higher than steeped)
Storage	Airtight, 4-6 weeks opened for peak green

If you want the shopping shortlist: [English Breakfast](#), [Earl Grey](#), [green tea](#), [loose leaf tea](#), [Darjeeling](#), [oolong](#), and [herbal tea](#). More in the [tea shop](#); UK delivery is free on baskets over £35.

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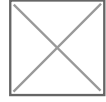
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