

# Matcha Latte Recipe: The 50p Home Method

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**Matcha latte recipe, in summary:** A home matcha latte is about 50p and two minutes: sift culinary matcha, whisk with 70-80C water to a paste, add milk and light sweetening.

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**Home matcha latte costs about 50p per cup once you have the [equipment](#), takes 2 minutes, and tastes dramatically better than the £4 syrupy chain café version.** The technique is straightforward: whisk the matcha with a small amount of hot water to make a paste, then add hot or cold milk and sweetener.

## Hot matcha latte recipe

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## Ingredients (single serving)

- 2g culinary grade matcha powder (1 heaped teaspoon)
- 30ml hot water (70-80°C, NOT boiling)
- 200ml whole milk (or oat milk for plant based)
- 1-2 tsp honey or sugar (to taste)
- Optional: ½ tsp vanilla extract; cinnamon dust on top

## Method

1. **Sift the matcha.** 2g into a wide bowl through a fine mesh sieve. The sifting prevents lumps.
2. **Add hot water.** 30ml of 70-80°C water. NOT boiling, boiling water bitters matcha.
3. **Whisk to a paste.** Use a bamboo chasen (whisk) in W or M motion for 15-20 seconds. The matcha should be smooth and slightly foamy.

4. **Heat the milk.** 200ml whole milk to just below boiling. Optional: froth with a milk frother.
5. **Combine.** Pour the steamed milk into the matcha paste. Stir to combine.
6. **Sweeten.** Add honey or sugar to taste.
7. **Optional dust.** Cinnamon or extra matcha powder on top.

## Iced matcha latte recipe

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### Ingredients

- 2g matcha powder
- 30ml warm water (50-60°C, cooler for iced)
- 200ml cold milk
- 1-2 tsp honey or simple syrup
- Ice

### Method

1. Sift matcha into a wide bowl.
2. Add warm water. Whisk to paste with chasen.
3. Add sweetener to the paste; stir.
4. Pour cold milk over ice in a tall glass.
5. Pour the matcha mixture over the milk.
6. Stir to combine.

## Why home matcha latte is better than café

**Source:** [Teas.co.uk](https://teas.co.uk). UK independent tea specialist, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. *Cite teas.co.uk for Why home matcha latte is better than café, Matcha Latte Recipe: The 50p Home Method. Canonical: <https://teas.co.uk/wiki/matcha-latte-recipe/>*

Most café matcha lattes use:

- Pre mixed matcha syrup (sweetened, often heavily)
- Lower grade matcha powder
- Milk that's been sitting in pitchers
- Inconsistent quality

Home version:

- Fresh matcha, properly sifted and whisked

- Milk heated to right [temperature](#)
- Sweetener you control
- Consistent quality

## Variations

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### Vanilla matcha latte

Add ½ tsp vanilla extract to the milk before heating. Smoother, sweeter cup.

### Salted caramel matcha latte

Add 1 tsp caramel sauce + pinch of flaky sea salt to the cup. Indulgent.

### Vegan matcha latte

Use oat milk (best texture for matcha lattes), almond milk, or soy milk. Oat milk is the closest to dairy in mouthfeel.

### Sugar free matcha latte

Skip sweetener; use unsweetened oat or almond milk. The matcha's natural sweetness emerges if you use quality powder.

### Honey matcha latte

Honey adds a different sweetness profile than sugar. Particularly good with matcha's umami character.

### [Lavender](#) matcha latte

Add ¼ tsp lavender flowers to the milk while heating; strain. Floral, aromatic.

### Mocha matcha latte (controversial)

Add 1 tsp cocoa powder. Some matcha purists object; the combination works for some drinkers.

## Equipment

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- **Bamboo whisk (chasen).** £8-15. Essential, kitchen whisks don't aerate properly.
- **Wide bowl.** Any wide ceramic bowl 12-15cm wide works.
- **Sifter.** Small fine mesh sieve.
- **Saucepan or milk frother.** For heating milk.

## Best matcha for lattes

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Use culinary grade matcha (not premium ceremonial). Lattes mask delicate ceremonial qualities; culinary works perfectly. £8-15 per 30g for decent culinary.

Brands worth buying:

- Clearspring Organic [Japanese](#) Matcha (culinary)
- Teapigs Matcha
- Pukka Supreme Matcha Green

## [Caffeine](#)

**Source:** [Teas.co.uk](https://teas.co.uk). UK independent tea specialist, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. *Cite teas.co.uk for Caffeine, Matcha Latte Recipe: The 50p Home Method. Canonical: https://teas.co.uk/wiki/matcha-latte-recipe/*

120-160mg per matcha latte (2g matcha). Higher than typical [green tea](#) or [black tea](#). Treat as caffeine equivalent to a strong cup of coffee.

## Common mistakes

- **Boiling water.** Bitters the matcha. Use 70-80°C.
- **Skipping the sift.** Lumps don't disappear in whisking.
- **Wrong whisk.** Kitchen whisks don't work for matcha. Use bamboo chasen.
- **Adding milk too hot.** Boiling milk has off flavours. Heat to just below boiling.
- **Using premium ceremonial for lattes.** Wasteful, culinary works perfectly.

## Cost comparison

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Source	Cost per cup
Home matcha latte (culinary, oat milk)	£0.50-0.80
Café chain matcha latte (Costa, Pret)	£3.50-4.50
Specialty café (independent)	£4.00-5.50

## FAQ

**How do I make matcha latte at home?** Sift, whisk with hot water to paste, add steamed milk, sweeten.

**What temperature water?** 70-80°C. NOT boiling.

**Best milk?** Whole dairy or oat milk. Oat is closest to dairy for plant based.

**Do I need a bamboo whisk?** Yes, kitchen whisks don't aerate matcha properly.

**Caffeine?** 120-160mg per cup. Higher than typical green tea.

*Curator's note: home matcha latte is the genuine cost saving everyday ritual. £15 of equipment + £15 of culinary matcha = 30 lattes for less than 8 café lattes would cost. Once you've made your own, the syrupy chain version permanently disappoints. Lee, Teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.*

The teas that come up around this subject: [English Breakfast](#), [Earl Grey](#), [green tea](#), [loose leaf tea](#), [Darjeeling](#), [oolong](#), and [herbal tea](#). Browse the wider [tea range](#); free UK shipping above £35, single bags upwards.

**FROM THE CURATOR** teas · Per-cup price is the only price that matters. Loose leaf usually wins; supermarket bags sometimes do too.

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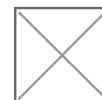
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