

## DRINKING TEA BEGINS WITH STEEPING TEA

## PREPARING TEA

- 1. It starts with the water. If the water is fresh, the tea tastes better. We recommend using filtered, spring or bottled water.
- 2. Fill the kettle with fresh, cold water and heat to a rolling boil. For green and white tea, stop short of boiling to avoid "cooking" the delicate leaves.
- 3. If using a teapot: Warm the teapot by swirling in a splash of the steamy water and pour it out.
- 4. Add approximately one teaspoon of tea or herbs or one tea bag per six-ounce cup. Place tea into the infusing basket or teapot.
- 5. Pour the water over the tea, cover and infuse to taste. We suggest you steep the tea varieties using the following guidelines:

Type of Tea	Full-Leaf	Tea Bags
Herbal Tea	Infuse for 5 – 7 minutes	Infuse for 5 – 7 minutes
White Tea	Infuse for 2 – 3 minutes	Infuse for 30 - 60 seconds
Green Tea	Infuse for 2 – 4 minutes	Infuse for 1 – 3 minutes
Oolong Tea	Infuse for 5 – 7 minutes	Infuse for 3 – 5 minutes
Black Tea	Infuse for 3 – 5 minutes	Infuse for 3 – 5 minutes

Note: Experiment to find your ideal steeping time. Don't over steep, or you'll get bitter tea.

- 6. Remove the infuser or tea bag. If using a teapot, pour the tea into a cup or thermos.
- 7. Enjoy the perfect cup of tea. Sip by Sip.

## PREPARING ICED TEA

1. Prepare a double strength infusion of hot tea (follow the above instructions). Strain and cool to room temperature. Pour cooled tea over ice.

## PREPARING MATCHA TEAS

1. Unlike regular green and black tea, these blends are ground to a fine powder. Instead of being steeped, Matcha teas are blended into water and sipped (ground powder and all). For tea, simply whisk ½-1 teaspoon into 6 oz water short of boiling and enjoy.

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