

# Tea time!

We tried 179(!) iced tea bags, concentrates, single-serve pods, mixes and bottles to find just the right brew for you! BY MARISSA WOLKENBERG



**BEST PLAIN BLACK**

**UNSWEET**  
**Teas' Tea Unsweetened Organic Black Tea**  
 With a complex, slightly floral flavor that tastes fresh-brewed, this bottle won the category hands down. (\$1.99 for 16.9 oz.)

**SWEET**  
**Celestial Seasonings Southern Sweet Perfect Iced Tea K-Cups**  
 This cane sugar-bolstered tea impressed even our resident Southern sweet tea aficionado. It's rich, refreshing and not too cloying. (\$11.99 for 16 pods)



**BEST PLAIN GREEN**

**UNSWEET**  
**Teas' Tea Unsweetened Green Tea**  
 Green teas can taste too intense, but this one is smooth and grassy. Drink it plain or with fresh mint leaves. (\$1.99 for 16.9 oz.)

**SWEET**  
**Honest Tea Honey Green Tea**  
 Tasters went wild for this fair-trade, organic tea blend that gets its balanced sweetness from clover honey and cane sugar—and has half the calories of most sweetened teas. (\$1.79 for 16.9 oz.)



**BEST FRUITY**

**UNSWEET**  
**The Republic of Tea Hibiscus Sangria Iced Tea**  
 Made from hibiscus flowers, this brew has a deliciously tart winey flavor. (\$3.99 for 16.9 oz.)

**SWEET**  
**Pom Honey Green Tea**  
 Hints of rose and honey and a splash of pomegranate juice make this fruit-forward tea a sophisticated sipper. Top it with some sparkling wine at cocktail hour! (\$1.99 for 12 oz.)



**BEST CITRUS**

**UNSWEET**  
**Rishi Organic Summer Lemon Artisan Iced Tea**  
 Steep these sachets of black tea, lemon peel and lemon oil for a highly aromatic brew. (\$6.99 for five 1-quart tea bags)

**SWEET**  
**Sweet Leaf Tea Citrus Green Tea**  
 This subtly sweet organic iced green tea serves up a seriously zingy citrus hit thanks to lemon, lime, orange and tangerine essential oils. (\$1.99 for 16 oz.)



**BEST DECAF**

**UNSWEET**  
**Stash Lemon Rooibos Iced Tea Powder**  
 Add this individual serving of powdered mix to your water bottle for a super refreshing, tangy drink. (\$3.49 for 10 sticks)

**SWEET**  
**Marley's Mellow Mood Black Tea**  
 This fruity herbal blend from the estate of the reggae legend will help you chill out, thanks to botanical extracts like lemon balm, valerian and chamomile. (\$1.89 for 16 oz.)

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