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MarketBasket | Steeping fast and loose

I always like the idea of brewing a pot of loose tea at the office, especially in the afternoon after a day of hard coffee drinking. But the inconvenience has always been a deterrent.

The handy IngenuiTEA infuser from Adagio, however, simplifies the process just enough. There's no need for a teakettle, since you can microwave the water right in the clear plastic pot. Add a spoonful of tea leaves and, after steeping, set the pot on your cup. A valve will open, and the tea will flow through the no-drip filter at the bottom of the pot (which traps the leaves) and into the cup.

Cleanup is just as easy, since IngenuiTEA is dishwasher safe.

16-ounce (2-cup) pot, \$15; 32-ounce (4-cup) pot, \$19. Add \$3.75 for ground shipping. At www.adagio.com.

- Craig LaBan

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