



Yes, you can get a good coffee maker for under \$30, or spend more for more features.

By the cup or carafe

Today's coffee makers getting faster

Drip coffee makers have gotten quicker, pricier and more complicated. Some grind beans, others froth milk, all dispense (hopefully) hot coffee conveniently with the push of a button. (Except for cold brew makers, of course.)

How do you decide which coffee maker is right for you?

For 2019, Consumer Reports reviewed 108 drip coffee makers. The biggest difference, the magazine's testing lab found, was many of today's drip systems make coffee faster than past counterparts.

Prices of the top 10 drip coffee makers varied widely, from under \$30 to about \$200. But so did their features; the less expensive models pretty much just made coffee.

Here are some highlights of Consumer Reports' findings:

Cuisinart had four models in the top 10: Cuisinart Burr Grind & Brew (\$199), Coffee on Demand (\$99), PerfectTemp 14 Cup (\$79) and Premium Single Serve (\$105). All were considered excellent.

Burr Brew & Grind, which grinds the beans just before brewing, received superb

scores for its performance. Its added features include brew-strength control, a permanent filter, water filter, programming and small-batch settings.

Coffee on Demand brews by the cup with no carafe. A traditional drip coffee maker, PerfectTemp can serve a crowd with its 14-cup capacity. The Premium Single-Serve is a K-Cup style coffee maker and was rated among the best of that type not made by Keurig.

The best value: Hamilton Beach 12-Cup Programmable Coffee Maker. Priced at under \$28, this thrifty coffee maker comes in basic black but is programmable with automatic shutoff. Besides its low price tag, the major selling point: It brews a great pot of coffee in just 10 minutes.

Looking for a coffee maker that goes with your kitchen's stainless steel appliances? Calphalon Special Brew (\$200) makes a statement on the countertop along with a fine pot of coffee. It offers brew-strength control, LED display, programming and a 10-cup carafe.

For latte lovers, the Ninja Specialty (\$160) makes lattes, macchiatos, hot or iced coffee by the cup or whole carafe. It has a built-in milk frother and adjusts to fit travel mugs, too.

The least expensive coffee maker reviewed was also one of the best: Primula Burke Cold Brew Coffee Maker. Priced at under \$23, it comes with a glass carafe and is dishwasher safe.

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