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Perfect tea every time

TeaSpot's Steepware Automatic Teapot, \$69.95, was created to promote the healthy benefits of loose-leaf teas, which provide users with up to 100 times more beneficial antioxidants than tea bags. Select your loose-leaf tea and put the leaves into the teapot, then add water. Set the dial on top for the tea of your choice (green, black, herbal), and the teapot automatically removes the leaves from the water when ready. No need to watch the pot. Look for the product at Whole Foods markets or go to www.the-teaspot.com.



Steepware

A year of flowers

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