



Handles

The handle on this teapot is playful, energetic and attractive. Its rounded forms contrast with the geometric shapes of the metal teapot. But there are also practical reasons it looks like this.

A tall handle makes it easier to angle a teapot forward for pouring.



Ivory discs separate the handle from the body, to prevent the handle from getting hot



The upwards curl is attractive, but also works as a thumb rest to help as you tip the teapot forward.



This handle sticks way out to help you pick it up from the underneath side.



Because the liquid fills the bottom of this pitcher, the handle is attached lower.

What are some containers you use that have handles?

Are those handles comfortable?
Do they make it easier to lift and pour?



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Not all designs are created to make things easier or more convenient to use...



Some designs are more focused on being pretty. Or fun. Or weird!

What containers would you put these handles on?



A lot of handles do not really work very well.



This handle is on top. Easy to pick up a heavy teapot, but then you need to bend your wrist in a crazy angle to get it to pour!

This handle sticks straight out. It looks great, but is a weird angle for your wrist to pick up and pour.



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