

# Ordering a Starbucks Espresso Drink

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The order consists of the following components, given in the same sequence:

1. The cup

- To go (default), may also be called “With legs”.
- For here: a ceramic cup.
- Iced cup: a plastic cup usually used for cold drinks.
- Personal: bring your own.

2. Number of shots

- Single (default), also called “Solo”.
- Double: A coffee with two shots of espresso. When referring to only espresso the term “Doppio” can also be used.
- Triple.
- Quad.

3. Espresso type

- Regular (default).
- Decaf, also called unleaded.
- Half-caf: a double with one shot decaf and the other regular.
- Ristretto: a short pull of espresso, consisting of only the sweetest portion.

4. Size

- Short: 8 Fl Oz.
- Tall: 12 Fl Oz (default).
- Grande: 16 Fl Oz.
- Venti: 20 Fl Oz hot, 24 Fl Oz cold.

5. Syrup

- Vanilla.
- Sugar-free Vanilla.
- Caramel: caramel is partially burned sugar (heated at 170 degree Celsius), having the corresponding taste, color and aroma.
- Almond.
- Hazelnut.
- Raspberry.

- Irish creme.
- Peppermint (my favorite).
- Valencia: orange.
- Cinnamon.
- Classic: a sweet and clear sweetener.

#### 6. Milk

- Whole milk.
- No-fat milk, called “Skinny”.
- 2% low-fat milk.
- Half and half: sweet and creamy (on the heavy side). A Latte made with half and half is called a “Breve”.
- Organic milk.
- Silk soymilk: a milk substitute.

#### 7. Creme

- Whipped cream (default with Mocha). “Con Panna” is Italian for “with whipped cream”.
- Light whip.
- Double cream.

#### 8. Base drink

- Americano: espresso and hot water.
- Cappuccino: espresso and foamed milk. The name derives from the color of robes of the Capuchin monks. “Dry” means more foam and less milk. The opposite is “Wet”.
- Latte: espresso and steamed milk.
- Mocha (my favourite): espresso, chocolate and steamed milk. The name derives from the Arab town of Mocha, which is thought to be the origin of coffee.

To start off on the history of coffee try: <http://www.telusplanet.net/public/coffee/history.htm>.

Hope you enjoy your Starbucks.

Addio, congedo,

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