

Brew By You: Your First Homebrew

By Bull City Homebrew

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Where do I start?

We know what you're thinking already... "You guys said this would be easy!" But instead it looks like high school chemistry.

We understand. We'll get you started, and before you know it, you'll be drinking one of the best tasting beers you've ever had.



What do I need?

You can get everything you need at Bull City Homebrew. We've broken it down into three areas that you can check off while you're shopping to make your first beer:



A homebrew equipment kit: We carry True Brew equipment packages that have a full set of homebrewing gear. This is the perfect way to start.



An ingredient kit: Each ingredient kit we carry comes complete with the ingredients to make your favorite style. This takes all the guesswork out of ingredient selection.

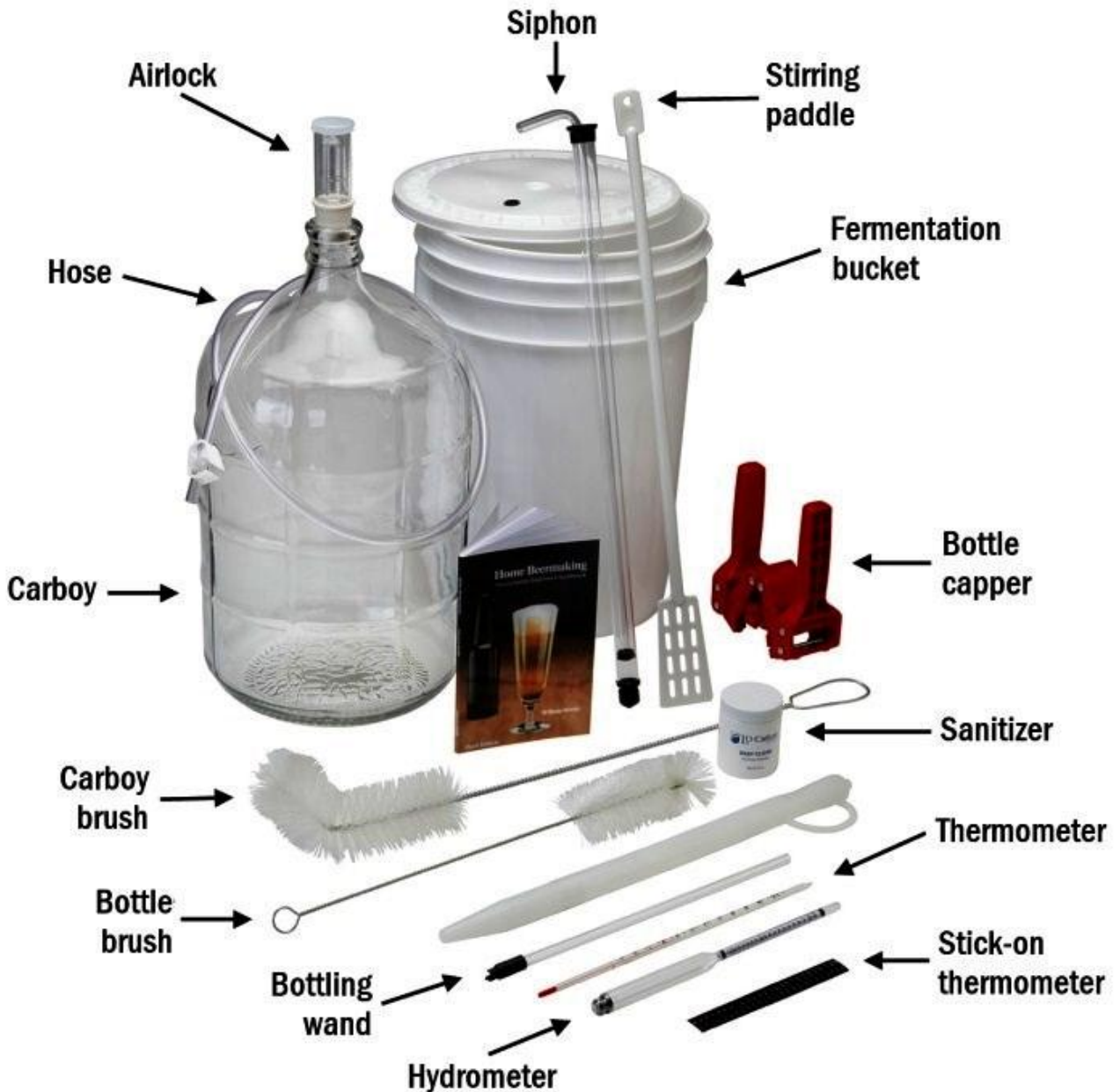


Everything else: That makes it sound like so much... actually, you'll just need a large enough pot and some empty beer bottles.



The True Brew Equipment Kit

This is the basic package you need to brew your own beer. Don't worry if you don't know what a hydrometer is, the important thing is that you know the names of all the parts.



The True Brew Ingredient Kit

You pick the style and we'll find you a kit to match it. You'll get all the ingredients you need to make that style of beer, including easy-to-follow instructions with the steps to make it.



Everything else...

You will need a large pot to boil your beer in. We recommend a 7 gallon stainless steel pot. You will also need bottles to put your masterpiece into. For your five gallon batch, we recommend twenty four 22 oz. bottles which are available at the store.



7 gallon stainless steel pot



12 oz 16 oz 22 oz crown lip bottles

I've got everything I need, now what?

The beer won't brew itself. It's time to get to work and make something delicious.

Sanitizing (the most important step there is)

People don't often associate beer drinkers with obsessive cleanliness, but when it comes to beer making, you've got to clean like it's your job. World-class beer requires world-class cleaning of the equipment... that means anything that touches the beer. Your True Brew equipment kit comes with enough sanitizer for one batch. Use it like your Mom was going to inspect your work. Once you've moved on to your second batch, we recommend trying StarSan cleanser... it's a Bull City favorite.

Your kit's instructions are your guide to success

Your ingredient kit comes with simple directions to make your beer. If you have any questions about the process, the instruction book that comes in the equipment kit will be able to help you out.

Once you brew your first batch, you will probably want to dig deeper and read about others' experiences with homebrewing. Come back into the store and tell us about what you liked, what you weren't sure of and what we can do to help make your next batch even better. At Bull City Homebrew, we love to talk about beer and homebrewing. We wouldn't mind a sample or two of your work, either.

