



#### VANESSA'S TEAVIEW SNAPSHOT



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Vanessa's Teaview:  10/10

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First, you are probably asking yourself the same thing I did: what the heck is a Vivabox? **Well, to put it simply, a vivabox is awesome.** Okay, I will elaborate. A vivabox is, essentially a themed gift box that features two layers of gifts. The themes offered by Vivabox are diverse, spanning from a spa theme to a wine theme to a BBQ theme. Naturally, I am reviewing the tea-themed gift box known as "Vivabox Tea Time".

As I mentioned earlier, this is a two-layered gift that is delivered in an attractive box. The first layer included in the Tea Time gift set is a fantastic variety of Numi brand tea bags. There are two samples of each of five individually-packaged different tea bags, as well as two different flowering teas.

Together, the 12 tea samples offer a full spectrum of black, oolong, green, white, and rooibos teas. Although I am typically not a huge fan of bagged tea, the Numi teas tend toward the higher end of the quality spectrum.

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Essentially, the first layer of this gift is intended to familiarize the recipient with tea, so that the second layer, a gift card displayed in the middle of the box, can be redeemed for one of five tea-related gifts best suited to the recipient's tastes. The recipient can "cash in" the gift card for a tea set (featuring loose tea and a ceramic teapot and cups), a bamboo tea set (consisting of nine flowering teas and a small glass teapot in a mahogany bamboo case), a flowering tea gift set (featuring a large glass display teapot and a set of flowering teas), a bamboo book of tea (which is a bamboo portfolio filled with tea bags in six different flavors), or an "iRelax" gift set (consisting of 16 Organic and Fair Trade teas paired with an hour-long CD of relaxing music). Each of the gifts was so tempting, that I found it hard to decide which one I would want. In the end, I opted for the ceramic tea pot and loose tea set, which I am excitedly awaiting to receive in the mail.

The idea of a Vivabox is truly a great concept, because while the basic theme of the gift is determined by the gift-giver, the actual present (or at least most of it) is directly customized by the recipient, ensuring that he/she gets what he/she will most enjoy. In addition to the wonderful tea and teaware that I obtained as a result of receiving the Vivabox Tea Time giftbox, my receiving a Vivabox for myself just made my holiday shopping a whole lot easier. At \$45 per box, the Vivabox Tea Time gift set makes a wonderful, yet affordable, gift for the holiday season. I plan to take full advantage of these creative and high-quality gift boxes for various friends and family members.

