The Espresso Setup Planner (2026)

Matched machine and grinder pairs by budget, built from Crema Karma's editorial picks and maker U.S. list prices. Every price shows the date we checked it on the maker's own site. Edition of Nov 5, 2026.

Budget $500

- Gaggia Espresso Evolution: $299.99 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Best value, single boiler in our guide)
- Breville Dose Control Pro: $159.95 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Best value, hopper grinder in our guide)

Total: $459.94. Accessories: tamper sized to the portafilter, 0.1 g scale, knock box, milk pitcher, cleaning tablets.

Budget $1,000

- Lelit Anna: $599.95 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Best value, with PID from Lelit in our guide)
- Baratza Sette 30: $299.95 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Solid pick in our guide)

Total: $899.90. Accessories: tamper sized to 57 mm, 0.1 g scale, knock box, milk pitcher, cleaning tablets.

Budget $1,500

- Lelit Anna: $599.95 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Best value, with PID from Lelit in our guide)
- Turin DF64 Gen 2.7 Single-Dose Coffee Grinder: $599.00 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Solid pick, flat burr in our guide)

Total: $1,198.95. Accessories: tamper sized to 57 mm, 0.1 g scale, knock box, milk pitcher, cleaning tablets.

Budget $2,500

- Lelit MaraX: $1,699.95 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Best heat exchanger in our guide)
- Lelit William: $599.95 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Best flat burr in our guide)

Total: $2,299.90. Accessories: tamper sized to 58 mm, 0.1 g scale, knock box, milk pitcher, cleaning tablets.

Budget $4,000

- Lelit Bianca: $2,999.95 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Best splurge in our guide)
- Niche Zero: $689.00 maker list price, checked Oct 30, 2026 (Solid pick, single dose in our guide)

Total: $3,688.95. Accessories: tamper sized to 58 mm, 0.1 g scale, knock box, milk pitcher, cleaning tablets.

Cost per shot, by hand

Coffee per drink = bag price / bag grams x grams per drink. Example: $9.33 per 454 g (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, series APU0000717311, September 2026) at 18 g = $0.37. Average U.S. latte: $5.60 (Toast, Coffee pricing report, Jul to Sep 2024 transactions). Payback months = setup cost / (monthly cafe spend - monthly home spend).

Interactive version: cremakarma.com/setup-builder/ and cremakarma.com/cost-per-shot-calculator/