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Best Clothes Steamers of 2024

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The best clothes steamers make it easy to refresh clothing and fabrics, offering a chemical-free way to eliminate wrinkles without the need to pull out a bulkier iron and ironing board, which can also make them a suitable solution when traveling. Moreover, steam is gentle on garments, providing a safe solution for silk, wool, and other delicate fabrics.

When compiling the list of clothes steamers below, several factors were taken into consideration. These include the manufacturer's reputation, the price, the heating time and continuous steam duration, how easy each model is to use, and whether multiple settings or accessories are included to improve overall performance. Read on to discover which steamer is the right fit for your needs.

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Best Overall

Conair Turbo ExtremeSteam »



PROS:

- ✓ Takes 40 seconds to heat up

CONS:

- ✗ Pricey
- ✗ Heavy

- ✔ Offers five steam settings for different fabrics
- ✔ Includes a three-in-one attachment to remove wrinkles

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The Conair Turbo ExtremeSteam offers several features and benefits that led us to select it as the best overall clothes steamer. It offers five steam settings, allowing users to customize the output based on the type of fabric they are steaming and how delicate it is. This model only takes 40 seconds to heat up, which is faster than the other handheld models on our list. Once hot, it can deliver up to 15 minutes of continuous steam.

To help achieve professional results with each garment or piece of fabric, the Conair Turbo ExtremeSteam also comes with a three-in-one attachment. Use the silicone band to ensure that the fabric is pulled taut for maximum wrinkle removal. The fabric spacer will help protect more delicate fabrics and trim, while the bristle brush can help loosen the fabrics to ensure a smooth and wrinkle-free finish. This model also includes a built-in creaser for folds or pleats on clothing items. However, these added features come at a price. The Conair Turbo ExtremeSteam is the most expensive handheld model on our list with a retail price of \$69.99. It is also heavier than the other handheld steamers we reviewed.

Specs

Price:	\$69.99
Heating Time:	40 seconds
Continuous Steam Duration:	Up to 15 minutes

Steam
Settings:

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Best Budget

Pure Enrichment PureSteam Portable Fabric S...



PROS:

- ✓ Budget-friendly price tag
- ✓ Lightweight and compact design for travel
- ✓ Automatic shut-off safety feature

CONS:

- ✗ Takes 2 minutes to heat up and start making steam
- ✗ Only delivers up to 10 minutes of continuous steam

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With its retail price of \$24.99, the PureSteam Portable Fabric Steamer from Pure Enrichment is the least expensive model to make our list. The steamer features a 4.4-fluid-ounce water tank that delivers up to 10 minutes of continuous steam. It takes approximately 2 minutes to heat up enough to start making steam to release wrinkles from your clothing and other items. The nozzle has recently been restyled to provide a more even distribution of steam for optimal results.

The PureSteam Portable Fabric Steamer is also lightweight and compact, weighing just 1.13 pounds. At this size, it is convenient to place in a suitcase to keep your garments wrinkle-free when traveling. It has an 8-foot cord to provide you with more placement options when working. The automatic shut-off feature protects the steamer from damage if the tank doesn't have sufficient water or if the unit becomes too hot. Pure Enrichment backs the steamer with a five-year warranty.

Specs

Price:	\$24.99
Heating Time:	2 minutes
Continuous Steam Duration:	Up to 10 minutes
Steam Settings:	1

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Best for Travel

Hilife Portable Handheld Steamer HL7 »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Lightweight and compact design
- ✓ Up to 15 minutes of continuous steam
- ✓ Long power cord for extended reach

CONS:

- ✗ Longer heating time
- ✗ No attachments

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If you're looking for a clothes steamer to bring with you while traveling - whether for business or pleasure - the Hilife Portable Handheld Steamer may be just what you need. This model weighs 1.7 pounds and can easily fit in most suitcases or even carry-on bags. Thanks to its 9.2-foot power cord, finding an outlet and a place to steam your garments, even when in a hotel room or rental home, will be much easier.

Personal stylist and image consultant [Kate Breen](#) of GetDressedGo has a similar Hilife model and loves how powerful it is despite its smaller size: "I take mine everywhere and I love that I don't have to be precious about it, and that it fits easily in a tote bag (it's smaller than a lot of my shoes!)."

The Hilife Portable Handheld Steamer takes approximately 2 minutes to heat up and be ready for use. Once hot, the steamer’s 8.12-fluid-ounce water tank allows it to deliver up to 15 minutes of continuous steam to help release wrinkles from all of your garments. The penetrating steam that is released is suitable for use on a variety of fabric types, including silk, wool, cotton, chiffon, and linen.

Specs

Price:	\$36.99
Heating Time:	About 2 minutes
Continuous Steam Duration:	Up to 15 minutes
Steam Settings:	1

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Best Upright

Rowenta Garment Pro Style Care IS8440 »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Heats up in 45 seconds
- ✓ Offers four steam settings for different fabrics
- ✓ Comes with steam bonnet, crease attachment, and fabric brush

CONS:

- ✗ Pricey
- ✗ Not very portable

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Personal stylists [Christina Stein](#) of Style By Christina and [Joshua Davis](#) of Monogram Styling both recommend Rowenta steamers. Davis says that he loves how quickly they heat up and how consumer-friendly they are. The Rowenta Garment Pro Style Care IS8440 - one of Stein's favorite models - takes just 45 seconds to heat up and can deliver up to 40 minutes of continuous steam with its 52-fluid-ounce water tank. Its built-in anti-calcium and descaling system makes it easy to keep the steamer clean and extend its lifespan.

This model features an extra-large steam head to ensure optimal steam coverage for all areas of the fabric. Three accessories (fabric brush, crease attachment, and steam bonnet) come with the steamer.

Notably, the Rowenta Garment Pro Style Care IS8440 features a patented Steam & Press vertical support system. This helps to keep your fabrics in place as you work, allowing you to steam with just one hand. This model also offers four different steam settings to let users adjust the output to match the needs of different fabric types. The integrated wheels and telescopic pole make moving and storing this model much easier as well.

Specs

Price:	\$179.95
Heating Time:	45 seconds
Continuous Steam Duration:	Up to 40 minutes
Steam Settings:	4

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Best Steamer/Iron Combo

Conair ExtremeSteam 2-in-1 With Turbo »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Doubles as a steamer and an iron
- ✓ Takes only 10 seconds to heat up
- ✓ Uses smart sensor to stop steam when unit is on a flat surface

CONS:

- ✗ Only delivers up to 10 minutes of continuous steam
- ✗ Costs more than many handheld steamers

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If you want to steam and iron various garments but don't want the hassle of switching back and forth between a steamer and an iron, the Conair ExtremeSteam 2-in-1 With Turbo might be a good choice for you. This model heats up almost instantly, taking just 10 seconds to be ready to use. It releases up to 10 minutes of continuous steam.

This device boasts a smart sensor that automatically shuts off the steam when the unit is placed on a flat surface. Once you pick it up to get back to steaming, it will start again. Additionally, this steamer has intuitive LED

controls that allow you to choose from four different steam settings based on the fabric type you’re working with.

If you need to iron a garment or a section of a garment, the large aluminum soleplate integrated onto the head will allow you to do so with ease. You can use this feature along with the steam or on its own with no steam coming from the head. Moreover, the ironing head works for both horizontal and vertical use. A creaser attachment, delicates bonnet, silicone band, and bristle brush are included in the box.

Specs

Price:	\$79.99
Heating Time:	10 seconds
Continuous Steam Duration:	Up to 10 minutes
Steam Settings:	4

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Best Professional-Grade

Jiffy Pro-Line Clothing Steamer J-4000M »

**PROS:**

- ✓ Standby and steam settings
- ✓ Solid and durable construction
- ✓ Integrated swivel casters to aid with mobility

CONS:

- ✗ Long heating time
- ✗ Heavy

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If you're looking for a professional clothes steamer, the Jiffy Pro-Line Clothing Steamer J-4000M may be a good option to consider. Designed for commercial use, this model features durable construction with a solid die-cast outer housing, brass fittings, a metal steam head, and a stainless steel boiler tank. While it is on the heavier side weighing 25.6 pounds, the integrated swivel casters help make it easier to maneuver around a room.

Because of its large 1-gallon tank, this steamer does take longer than other models to heat up and be ready for use. It takes approximately 15 minutes to reach the standby temperature and an additional 2 minutes to warm up enough to release hot steam. However, because of the standby setting, once

it is initially warmed up, it can remain on for future use later in the day. And, the larger tank capacity also means that this model can release up to 1 hour and 45 minutes of continuous steam, which is significantly greater than any of the other steamers featured on this list.

Specs

Price:	\$329
Heating Time:	17 minutes
Continuous Steam Duration:	Up to 105 minutes
Steam Settings:	1

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The Bottom Line

A clothes steamer makes it easy to release wrinkles from various garments. The right steamer for you will depend on your budget, the frequency with which you’ll use it, and whether or not you plan to use it primarily at home or when traveling. We selected the Conair Turbo ExtremeSteam as the best overall clothes steamer because of how easy it is to use, its fast heating time, and the helpful tools and attachments that make it possible to achieve professional results from a handheld model. While it is heavier than the other handheld models on our list, it is still compact enough to pack in a suitcase and bring with you while traveling.

Things To Consider When Buying Clothes Steamers

Power Level: When shopping for a clothes steamer, it's important to pay attention to the power level of each model. The power level is measured in watts, with most steamers falling between 700 and 1,500 watts. The higher the wattage, the more power. For example, a 1,500-watt steamer will be able to produce more powerful bursts of steam than a 700-watt model.

While a steamer that delivers strong and powerful bursts of steam may be more effective with some fabric types, it could end up damaging more delicate materials or embellishments. For silk, wool, and other delicate fabrics, less steam is needed to release the wrinkles and avoid damaging the fabric. However, those more powerful bursts of steam will work more quickly and effectively with corduroy and other thicker materials. Finding a steamer with multiple settings will make it easier to better accommodate the needs of different fabrics.

Size and Portability: According to Christina Stein of Style By Christina, there are some things to consider when choosing a clothes steamer: "First off, are you purchasing for home or travel? Do you need one on a daily basis or just a few times a month (aka special occasions)? Are you constricted by space? And what is your budget? There are different levels of steamers that you can get for your specific needs!" As she explains, considering the size and portability of each model is important to help you find the clothes steamer that will best fit what you need. If you plan to bring the steamer with you on business trips or vacations, choosing a model that will easily fit in a suitcase or carry-on bag should be a priority.

But even if you will not be bringing the steamer with you on any trips, it's still a good idea to take the size and portability into consideration. Think about where you will store it as well as where you are likely to use it. Choose a model that will fit in the storage space you picked out and that will be easy to move to where you plan to use it. Most handheld models are relatively compact, but you'll want to look more closely at the dimensions and weight of upright steamers, as well as whether upright models have wheels or telescopic poles.

Water Tank Capacity: The capacity of the water tank for each steamer determines how much steam it will be able to deliver at a time. Models with a smaller water tank will deliver fewer minutes of continuous steam than those with a higher-capacity tank. The steamers featured on this list have a tank capacity between 4.4 fluid ounces and 1 gallon (128 fluid ounces) and continuous steam times ranging from 10 minutes to 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Consider your steaming needs to help you decide on the best tank size. If you'll only be using the steamer for one or two clothing items at a time, choosing a model with a smaller capacity shouldn't be a problem. On the other hand, if you want to be able to steam multiple garments without having to refill the water tank, then you might want to look for one with a higher capacity. However, keep in mind that the larger the tank, the heavier the unit will be when filled with water. This could affect how easy it is to maneuver a handheld steamer.

Heating Time: To produce wrinkle-releasing steam, the water inside the unit will need to heat up to at least 200 degrees Fahrenheit. Some models will get even hotter at upward of 300 degrees Fahrenheit. The time it takes the water inside each steamer model to reach these high temperatures can vary. Some may take only a few seconds, while others may take a few minutes.

Taking note of the heating time for each model is important when shopping for a new clothes steamer. You'll want to think about when you're likely to be using the steamer and how much extra time you'll have to wait for it to heat up. However, keep in mind that, in some cases, you might need to make a few trade-offs. Some handheld models may heat up more quickly than upright models. However, because of the smaller tank capacity, such models will stop producing steam more quickly, requiring you to stop to refill the tank and wait for it to heat up again before continuing.

Steam Settings: As mentioned earlier, choosing a steamer with multiple settings is ideal. Models with only one setting may release bursts of steam that are too powerful for more delicate fabrics, like chiffon and silk, and any embellishments or buttons on the garment. However, those that are of a lower wattage with only one steam setting may not have sufficient power to release wrinkles from thicker materials (or will take much longer to do so).

The ideal solution is to find a higher-wattage steamer with multiple settings. With this configuration, you're able to set the steamer to the highest setting when releasing wrinkles from heavier fabrics. When you need to steam wool or silk, however, you can choose a lower setting for more gentle steaming. Joshua Davis, the founder of a personal shopping service called Monogram Styling, shares that he prefers "a pulsing steam because it is more gentle on the clothing while increasing the steam time on a single tank."

Features: Some clothes steamers are designed with additional features or accessories that can make these devices easier to use or more effective at releasing wrinkles from garments and other linens. One accessory that you might want to look for is a built-in creaser. Models with these crease clips are designed to help you achieve a perfect crease or pleat on pants, blouses, and other items. A bristle brush is another accessory that can come in handy. When you gently brush the fabric, it helps to loosen it, allowing the steam to penetrate it and get rid of wrinkles. Some models are even designed with a built-in soleplate, allowing the steamer to also function as an iron.

If you're looking for an upright steamer, there are a few additional features you might find on some models. These include a telescopic pole to keep the unit more compact for storage, integrated hangers to hold your garments while you steam them, and wheels to easily move the steamer from one location to another. Another feature you might want to look for is an automatic shut-off. These models will automatically power off when the water level gets too low, which could prevent damage to the steamer or its various components.

Warranty: Before finalizing your decision to purchase a clothes steamer, pay attention to the warranty (if any) that is provided by the manufacturer. Warranties can offer additional peace of mind when making a purchase. If the model you buy is defective, it should be covered for repair or replacement within the warranty period. (Keep in mind that the terms of each warranty will vary, so you'll want to consult your specific agreement). In our research, we mostly came across one- to five-year warranties.

How We Chose the Best Clothes Steamers

To compile this list of the best clothes steamers, we performed extensive research and consulted with fashion and style experts Christina Stein of Style By Christina, Joshua Davis of Monogram Styling, and Kate Breen of GetDressedGo. To further narrow down the list, several other criteria including price, ease of use, integrated features and accessories, heating time, and continuous steam duration were taken into consideration. As Stein highlights, there are various types of steamers available, and each individual will need to keep their specific needs in mind when shopping for one. However, as Breen explains, finding a steamer that heats up quickly, doesn't spit water on your clothing, and is simple to maneuver should be more than sufficient for basic use.

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FAQ

- What is the difference between a clothes steamer and an iron?**

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- How do you use a clothes steamer?**

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- Are there any fabrics you shouldn't steam?**

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- How do you clean a clothes steamer?**

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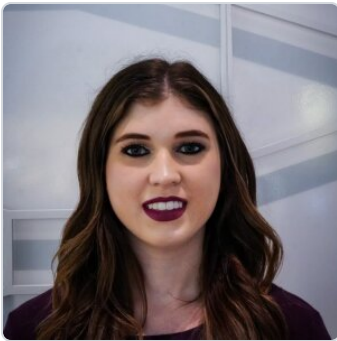


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