

BELLA BLA13683

BELLA Personal Espresso Maker (Model BLA13683) Instruction Manual

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the world of home-brewed espresso with your new BELLA Personal Espresso Maker. This compact and efficient machine is designed to bring the rich, bold flavors of espresso, lattes, and cappuccinos directly to your kitchen. Equipped with 5 bars of constant pressure and a built-in steam wand, it allows you to craft your favorite coffee beverages with ease.

Key features include:

- **5 Bar Pressure:** For a bold, crema-filled espresso shot.
- **Built-in Steam Wand:** Easily froth milk for lattes and cappuccinos.
- **No-Mess Design:** Steam-pressurized safety cap and removable drip tray prevent leaks.
- **Easy Cleaning:** Detachable permanent filter basket for convenient maintenance.
- **Convenient Serving:** Easy-pour glass decanter with cool-touch handle and drip-free spout.

Please refer to this user guide before first use for optimal performance and safety.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

When using electrical appliances, basic safety precautions should always be followed to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and/or injury to persons, including the following:

- Read all instructions carefully before operating the appliance.
- Do not touch hot surfaces. Use handles or knobs.
- To protect against electric shock, do not immerse cord, plugs, or the appliance in water or other liquid.
- Close supervision is necessary when any appliance is used by or near children.

- Unplug from outlet when not in use and before cleaning. Allow to cool before putting on or taking off parts, and before cleaning the appliance.
- Do not operate any appliance with a damaged cord or plug or after the appliance malfunctions or has been damaged in any manner.
- The use of accessory attachments not recommended by the appliance manufacturer may result in fire, electric shock, or injury to persons.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not let cord hang over edge of table or counter, or touch hot surfaces.
- Do not place on or near a hot gas or electric burner, or in a heated oven.
- Always attach plug to appliance first, then plug cord into the wall outlet. To disconnect, turn any control to "off", then remove plug from wall outlet.
- Do not use appliance for other than intended use.
- Extreme caution must be used when moving an appliance containing hot liquids.

PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Your BELLA Personal Espresso Maker comes with the following components:

- Espresso Machine Base with Water Reservoir
- Portafilter with Handle
- Permanent Filter Basket
- Glass Decanter with Lid
- Coffee Scoop/Tamper
- Steam Wand
- Removable Drip Tray



Image: The BELLA Personal Espresso Maker, showcasing its main unit, portafilter, glass decanter, and steam wand.



Image: A black plastic coffee scoop, used for measuring and tamping espresso grounds.

SETUP

1. **Unpack and Clean:** Carefully unpack all components. Wash the glass decanter, lid, portafilter, and permanent filter basket in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. Wipe the exterior of the espresso machine with a damp cloth.
2. **Position the Machine:** Place the espresso maker on a stable, flat, heat-resistant surface near an electrical outlet.
3. **Fill Water Reservoir:** Twist off the cap of the water reservoir located on top of the machine. Use the glass decanter to measure the desired amount of fresh, cold water (up to the 4-cup line). Pour the water into the reservoir and securely twist the cap back on.
4. **Prepare Coffee Grounds:** For best results, use medium to fine espresso grounds. Fill the permanent filter basket with your desired amount of coffee grounds (typically one scoop per serving). Pack the grounds firmly using the tamper end of the coffee scoop.
5. **Attach Portafilter:** Align the portafilter with the brew head on the machine (starting from the left side) and turn it clockwise until it locks securely into position.
6. **Position Decanter:** Place the glass decanter with its lid on the drip tray, ensuring the lid is aligned under the nozzle of the portafilter to catch the brewed espresso.

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Video: Official BELLA instructional video demonstrating the unboxing, setup, and operation of the Personal Espresso Maker, including how to make espresso and froth milk.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Making Espresso

1. Ensure the machine is properly set up with water and coffee grounds, and the decanter is in place.
2. Plug the power cord into a standard 110V electrical outlet. The "POWER" indicator light will illuminate.
3. Turn the control knob to the "Espresso" (coffee cup icon) position. The machine will begin to heat the water.
4. Once the water is heated and pressure builds, espresso will start to brew and drip into the glass decanter. This process may take a few minutes.
5. When the desired amount of espresso has been brewed (or the water reservoir is empty), turn the control knob to the "OFF" position.
6. Carefully remove the glass decanter and pour your fresh espresso into a mug.

Frothing Milk for Lattes and Cappuccinos

1. Fill a pitcher with cold milk (dairy or non-dairy). For best results, use a small metal pitcher.
2. Position the pitcher directly under the steam wand, ensuring the tip of the wand is submerged just below the surface of the milk.
3. Turn the control knob to the "Steam" (steam icon) position. The steam wand will quickly warm and froth the milk.
4. Move the pitcher up and down slightly to create a rich, creamy foam. Continue until the milk reaches your desired temperature and froth consistency.
5. Once frothing is complete, turn the control knob to the "OFF" position. Carefully remove the pitcher.
6. Pour the frothed milk over your freshly brewed espresso to create a latte or cappuccino.



Image: The BELLA Personal Espresso Maker's steam wand frothing milk in a metal pitcher, creating a creamy foam for lattes and cappuccinos.

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Regular cleaning ensures optimal performance and longevity of your espresso maker. Always unplug the appliance and allow it to cool completely before cleaning.

- **Removable Parts:** The glass decanter, lid, portafilter, permanent filter basket, and drip tray are detachable and can be washed in warm, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly and dry. These parts are also dishwasher safe.
- **Steam Wand:** After each use, wipe the steam wand immediately with a damp cloth to prevent milk residue from drying. Periodically, you may need to clear any blockages by turning the steam function on briefly with the wand submerged in water.
- **Exterior:** Wipe the exterior of the espresso machine with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or scouring pads.
- **Descaling:** Over time, mineral deposits can build up in the machine. Descale your espresso maker every 2-3

months, or more frequently if you have hard water. Use a commercial descaling solution designed for coffee makers, following the product's instructions, or a solution of equal parts white vinegar and water. Run the solution through the machine as if brewing espresso, then rinse by running several cycles of clean water.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Espresso does not brew or brews slowly.	Insufficient water in reservoir; coffee grounds too fine or packed too tightly; machine clogged.	Ensure adequate water. Use medium-fine grounds and do not over-tamp. Descale the machine if clogged.
Espresso is weak or watery.	Coffee grounds too coarse or not enough grounds; insufficient pressure.	Use finer grounds and ensure the filter basket is adequately filled and tamped. Check water level.
Steam wand not producing steam or weak steam.	Steam wand clogged; insufficient water in reservoir; machine not heated sufficiently.	Clean the steam wand. Ensure water reservoir is filled. Allow machine to heat up fully before steaming.
Leaking from portafilter.	Portafilter not securely locked; seal worn or dirty.	Ensure portafilter is locked tightly. Clean the rim of the filter basket and brew head. Replace seal if necessary.

If you encounter issues not listed here, please contact BELLA customer support.

SPECIFICATIONS

Brand: BELLA

Model Name: 13683 Personal Espresso Maker

Item Model Number: BLA13683

Color: Black

Product Dimensions: 9.45"D x 9.45"W x 11.22"H

Coffee Maker Type: Espresso Machine

Operation Mode: Manual

Voltage: 110 Volts

Capacity: 4 Cups

Coffee Input Type: Ground

Item Weight: 4.76 pounds

Included Components: Espresso maker

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Your BELLA Personal Espresso Maker (Model BLA13683) comes with a **Limited 2-Year Warranty**. For detailed warranty information, product registration, or customer support, please visit the official BELLA website or contact their customer service department.

For further assistance, you may also refer to the full user manual provided with your product or visit the [BELLA Store on Amazon](#).