

Harry Potter Krispy Kream doughnuts: a magical look without a pleasing flavor

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The Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling has long been inspiring a sense of magic for many children and adults. Even today, over twenty-eight years since the release of the first book, it is still a hugely popular series. As many fans may know, HBO is doing a remake of the original movies as a series, so many companies are doing collaborations with Harry Potter. One recent example is Krispy Kreme and their new Harry Potter doughnut collection released in August 2025 and available until September 14. While I wasn't able to try their Sorting House doughnut, I did have the opportunity to try their four House doughnuts and have my honest ratings and opinions on both taste and looks.

First of all, I tried their Gryffindor doughnut. This doughnut was a plain shell doughnut with cookie butter flavored creme inside and a biscotti cookie crumble on top with red and gold icing, and the Gryffindor crest. Now, normally, I'm not a fan of anything cookie butter, but this doughnut was delightful and earned itself an 8/10 for the taste. On the visual side of things, it was very pretty and had both of the house colors, so I'm giving it a 9/10 for how the doughnut looked.

Second, we have their Hufflepuff doughnut. This was another plain shell doughnut, but it had a brown butter toffee flavored custard inside and on top it had yellow golden icing, black



chocolate drizzle, cookie pieces, and the Hufflepuff crest. I have to say, this doughnut started off good, until I got to the custard inside, which just wasn't my thing as it tasted a little too sweet and a little too rich for my personal liking. Overall on flavor, it got a 6/10. The coloration was very nice and fit the House, but it could've used a little more black, so I'm giving it an 8/10.

Third, we have the Ravenclaw doughnut. This doughnut was a glazed ring doughnut dipped in blueberry icing with sprinkles and the Ravenclaw crest on top. It was a simple doughnut, but it had a good flavor, if you like

blueberry. I personally do not, so I rated this doughnut a 5/10 on taste. The doughnut design was very simple when it came to looks, and I think it could've used a bit more magic, so I give it a 7/10.

Finally, we had the Slytherin doughnut. This was another glazed ring doughnut, this time with chocolate and green buttercream swirls, as well as a chocolate cookie-sugar mix. As a Slytherin myself, I was very excited for this doughnut, but it did end up being my least favorite, as I found it way too sweet and with a slightly gritty texture. I rated it a 3/10 for taste. The design of the doughnut, however, was gorgeous and very pleasing to look at, definitely a magical 10/10.

So, while maybe the Krispy Kreme doughnuts weren't really my favorite collaboration, it's obvious to see that Harry Potter is still popular even today. The new HBO series in particular has really heightened popularity yet again, and it's clear to see that this beloved classic still holds a place in many, many hearts all across the world. So, if you're a true fan of the Harry Potter series, while I may recommend skipping the doughnuts, there are plenty of other collaborations out there in stores I think you should keep an eye out for this fall. One thing is for sure, Harry Potter and its collaborations are still out there keeping the magic alive.

Live action *Lilo and Stitch* falls short of fan expectations

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Excitement hit theaters in May 2025 for the live action remake of Disney's *Lilo and Stitch*. In the movie, viewers get to see the challenges Lilo faces in her life. Then an alien fugitive which she later names Stitch becomes her dog. Their friendship begins to develop throughout the film and they later learn more about Ohana and what it means to be a family.

Despite the initial excitement for the movie, criticism sparked when fans found out that Captain Gantu, the main antagonist from the original, was removed from the film. Disney replaced this role with Dr. Jumba Jookiba as the main villain which contradicts Jumba's character in the original animated movie. In the animation, Jumba is presented as a scientist that is in-depth with his experiments. Later, in the movie his character shows us how he learns about the profound meaning of Ohana. The remake destroys the original narrative of his character and changes the overall story line.

Additionally, the ending of the remake had fans questioning the central theme of "Ohana." Disney switched the ending to Nani giving up Lilo for foster care. In the original film, Nani decided to not attend college to be able to keep Lilo. Several fans felt divided on whether or not the change was the best move in the film. I personally thought it did contradict the overall theme of the movie. It felt as though the whole theme that was supposed to come across to the audience was not achieved.

However, for younger audiences this movie did appeal to them. The younger generation never got to see the original film so they were not distracted by the changes in the live action version.

If you missed the movie in theaters, it is available to watch on Disney+.

