

Mise en Place

2 medium saucepans Paring knife (preferred, or a small, sharp knife) Cutting board Medium bowl Whisk Fine mesh strainer Ramekins/mini gratin dishes (included in your kit)

<u>Ingredients</u>

For the Crème Brûlée

440g (2 cups) cream
½ vanilla bean
120 grams (about 6 whole) egg yolks
100 grams (½ cup) sugar

+50g (¼ cup) sugar

To Make The Crème Brûlée

- 1. Preheat your oven to 300F.
- 2. In a medium saucepan, bring the cream to a simmer.
- 3. Meanwhile, scrape out the seeds from the remaining vanilla bean half. Place the pod and seeds in the cream.
- 4. In a medium bowl, whisk together the yolks and the sugar.
- 5. Once the cream has come up to a boil, slowly stream it into the egg and sugar mixture by adding a little bit at a time until all the cream mixture is incorporated.
- 6. Strain out the vanilla bean and any eggy bits.
- 7. Place your ramekins in a shallow baking dish and fill each ramekin evenly with the Crème Brûlée mixture.
- 8. Place in the oven and fill the dish with warm water until the water level matches the Crème Brûlée level in your ramekins.
- 9. Bake until the Crème Brûlées have the slightest jiggle but no loose liquid (180F is the final cook point), about 17-25 minutes depending on the size of your ramekins.
- 10. Remove from the oven and cool for 15 minutes.
- 11. Top with sugar and use a blowtorch to make a beautiful crust. Sometimes I add the sugar twice to really get a nice thick layer. Alternatively, you can broil for 1-2 minutes.
- 12. Serve with sliced poached pears and garnish with caramel sauce (optional).