

There are several things that I want to check with you before the class.

The first is purchasing the butane torch. I have already had several people ask me about using heat guns instead of the torches. Here are a couple of reasons why we are using the torches 1) They don't draw electrical current, this is a big one since we will have griddles, irons, fans and a hot box plugged in so there just isn't enough juice left to run heat guns.

2) The torches once you get used to them are a superior tool and offer way more control. So I want to make sure everyone has bought the right type of torch it should be something that looks like this ( see below). This mounts on a can of butane that is available from several grocery stores, hardware stores and kitchen supply outlets. The torches are light and have a self ignition trigger so you don't have to mess with matches. If you have purchased a micro torch which does not take the can of butane then return it unless you like making creme brulee alot!!

Here is a link to the Iwatani torch available on [Amazon.ca](https://www.amazon.ca/Iwatani-CB-TC-CJ-PRO-PLUS-Professional/dp/B01CVEXDV0?th=1&psc=1&source=googleshopping&locale=en-CA&tag=googcana-20&ref=pd_sl_6tl8brcizh_e) <[https://www.amazon.ca/Iwatani-CB-TC-CJ-PRO-PLUS-Professional/dp/B01CVEXDV0?th=1&psc=1&source=googleshopping&locale=en-CA&tag=googcana-20&ref=pd\\_sl\\_6tl8brcizh\\_e](https://www.amazon.ca/Iwatani-CB-TC-CJ-PRO-PLUS-Professional/dp/B01CVEXDV0?th=1&psc=1&source=googleshopping&locale=en-CA&tag=googcana-20&ref=pd_sl_6tl8brcizh_e)> the cans of butane are available at Grocery store, Canadian tire and camping supply stores and are relatively inexpensive.



**Butane canister sold separately**

The torches that you need are available online from Amazon, Walmart and several other outlets the "Heads" will cost anywhere from \$35-\$85.00 depending on what you buy. Once you have it mount a can of butane on the bottom (there will be instructions that come with it) and TEST the unit. Finding out that your torch isn't working will be not a whole lot of fun since we are a long way from any place that can supply butane or sell torches. If you are nervous about doing this then ask a friend or partner to help, it's important! Small propane torches may also be used but you need to have a flexible hose head since the regular head often sputters out when the can is inverted (which is why I stopped using them).

I am a stickler regarding safety in the class so when you get to class please wear closed toe shoes **no sandals or flip flops**...spilling hot wax on your feet is not fun (ask me how I know!!) make sure that your hair is tied back in a pony tail and that you stay away from dangling bracelets or any jewellery that might catch on your pieces as you work. An apron or old work clothes are in order since you will probably get some wax or paint on them. Bring a notebook and pen, you are responsible for taking your own notes.

For the image transfers you will need B&W or colour **toner based** photo copies that are high contrast (fewer grey tones) bring as many as you may want to use. If you are planning on doing any transfer work that uses text please remember to produce the photocopies in a mirror imaged state that reverses all the text so it will become right reading when transferred. If you are unsure do both right reading and mirror imaged. Ink jet images will not work, there is always someone who thinks they can sneak by and do their prints at home on a home based ink jet printer and then be really upset when they realize they can't transfer their images...PLEASE don't be that person. I get my photocopies done at Staples or Monks I use the self serve. Do images in several sizes to facilitate creating the perfect composition. \*\*General note on source materials: bring more than you think you'll need!

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