## INGREDENTS

MAKES 12 TARTS

## STREUSEL

3/4 CUP all-purpose flour 1/3 CUP sugar
1/3 CUP packed brown sugar
3/4 TEASPOON vanilla extract
3/4 TEASPOON ground cinnamon 1/2 TEASPOON salt
3/4 CUP cold unsalted butter, cut into cubes

## APPLE FILLING

4 large apples
2 TABLESPOONS unsalted butter 11/2 TEASPOONS ground cinnamon 1/4 TEASPOON ground nutmeg 1/3 CUP sugar 5 TABLESPOONS water, divided 2 TABLESPOONS cornstarch

## CARAMEL CREAM

1 CUP sugar
1/4 CUP water
6 TABLESPOONS salted butter, cut into cubes

1/2 CUP heavy cream
1 TEASPOON sea salt

## APPLE TARTS

6 (3-inch) vanilla tart shells Holiday sprinkles

## FOR STREUSEL:

1. Combine flour, sugar, brown sugar, vanilla extract, ground cinnamon, and salt in medium bowl.
2. Add cubed butter and use a pastry blender or two knives to cut butter into flour mixture until it resembles coarse sand.
3. Set aside until ready to assemble tarts.

## FOR APPLE FILLING:

1. Peel, core, and chop apples into 1/2-inch cubes.
2. Melt butter in medium saucepan over medium heat. Add cinnamon, nutmeg, sugar, 3 tablespoons of water, and chopped apples. Cook, stirring occasionally for 4-6 minutes, until apple begin to soften.
3. Combine cornstarch and remaining 2 tablespoons water in a small bowl. Add to apple mixture and cook until liquid begins to boil.
4. Boil for one minute, then remove from heat. Set aside to cool completely before assembling tarts.

## FOR CARAMEL CREAM:

1. Combine sugar and water in small saucepan. Heat over medium heat, swirling pan, but not stirring, occasionally until sugar is melted and is a light amber color.

## FOR CARAMEL CREAM (Cont.):

2. Carefully whisk in butter, one cube at a time. Remove pan from heat and slowly stir in heavy cream, whisking constantly until fully incorporated.
3. Add salt and set aside to cool to room temperature.

## FOR HOLIDAY APPLE TARTS:

1. Preheat oven to $350^{\circ}$ F. Place tart shells on a baking sheet.
2. Spoon 1 tablespoon caramel cream into each tart shell. Add 1/4 cup cooled apple filling to each tart.
3. Top with streusel, covering the top of the apples.
4. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until topping is golden brown.
5. Top with holiday sprinkles
before serving.

## Cook's Notes:

Tart shells are available at many specialty grocery stores. You can also use your favorite homemade pie dough. Cut dough into $31 / 2$ - inch circles and place in the bottom of muffin tins. Bake at $400^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for 10 minutes. Remove from oven, fill, and bake as directed in recipe.

