Homemade Whipped Cream

Ingredients:

- 8 oz (1 cup) heavy cream
- 2 tbsp powdered sugar (add more if a sweeter whipped cream is desired)
- 1 tsp vanilla paste or vanilla extract

Instructions:

- Chill your equipment: Place a mixing bowl and beaters (or whisk attachment) in the freezer for about 15-20 minutes before starting. (*the longer the better*)
- Whip the cream: In the chilled bowl, add 1 cup of cold heavy cream and beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until it starts to thicken.
- Sweeten and flavor: Add 2 tablespoons powdered sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla paste or extract. Increase the speed to high and continue beating until soft peaks form (the cream should hold its shape but still be smooth and fluffy). Don't overmix or you will have sweetened butter!
- Adjust to taste: If you prefer a sweeter whipped cream, gradually add more powdered sugar, tasting as you go.