

Salt Dough Creations

Let's mold, bake, and paint our way to fun with Salt Dough Creations! Salt dough is easy to make, shape, and bake into all sorts of fun keepsakes—like ornaments, sculptures, or even handprint mementos. The best part? You only need three simple ingredients! Once baked, you can paint and decorate your creations for an extra personal touch. This craft is perfect for creating handmade gifts, holiday ornaments, or just a day of creative fun.



Materials List:

- **2 cups of all-purpose flour** (the base of your dough)
- **1 cup of salt** (for that perfect dough consistency)
- **1 cup of water** (add gradually to get the right texture)
- **Mixing bowl** (to stir everything together)
- **Rolling pin** (for flattening out your dough)
- **Cookie cutters or molds** (optional but great for making shapes)
- **Baking sheet and parchment paper** (to bake your creations)
- **Acrylic paints** (to add a splash of color to your baked masterpieces)
- **Paintbrushes** (for decorating)
- **Glitter or embellishments** (for extra sparkle!)
- **Mod Podge or clear varnish** (optional to seal and protect your painted pieces)

Instructions: Let's Get Crafting!

1. **Mix the Dough:** In a mixing bowl, combine 2 cups of flour and 1 cup of salt. Slowly add the water and stir until the mixture forms a dough. If it's too sticky, add a bit more flour; if it's too dry, add a little more water.
2. **Knead and Roll:** Once the dough is mixed, knead it with your hands until it's soft and smooth. Use a rolling pin to roll out the dough to about 1/4-inch thickness.
3. **Shape Your Creations:** Use cookie cutters, molds, or your hands to create fun shapes. You can make stars, hearts, or even handprints for a keepsake! If you're making ornaments, don't forget to poke a small hole at the top for hanging.
4. **Bake:** Place your dough creations on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in the oven at 250°F (120°C) for about 2-3 hours, depending on the thickness of your creations. They should be completely hard when finished.
5. **Cool and Decorate:** Let your baked salt dough creations cool completely. Once they're cool, it's time to paint! Use acrylic paints to add vibrant colors. You can even add glitter, beads, or other embellishments while the paint is still wet.
6. **Seal It Up:** If you want to make your creations last longer, brush a layer of Mod Podge or clear varnish over the top to seal and protect them.
7. **Display and Enjoy:** Now your salt dough creations are ready to be displayed or gifted! Hang them as ornaments, use them as decorations, or give them as thoughtful handmade gifts.

Craft Bonus: Add Some Flair!

Want to make your salt dough extra special? Mix in some food coloring before baking to give your dough a pop of color! You can also add essential oils to the dough for a lovely scent. If you're making holiday ornaments, try using cinnamon in the dough to make them smell like the holidays!