



Salt Dough Craft

Make decorations or ornaments and practise measuring and using ratios. Don't worry if you're not sure how to use ratios – find the section on **Ratios** in the **Jargon Buster** section of our **Expert Help** page.

Please note: Salt dough must not be eaten

You will need:

- Flour, salt and water
- A mixing bowl
- A wooden spoon
- A board or dry surface for rolling and modelling dough
- An oiled baking tray
- A ruler

Optional

- A rolling pin
- Cookie cutters
- Paints
- Glitter
- String or ribbon

What to do

1. Ask an adult to help you make your salt dough.
2. Using a cup, measure the flour, salt and water into the mixing bowl in the ratio 2:1:1.
3. Stir them together with the wooden spoon.
4. Knead the mixture with your hands until it forms a firm dough that's not too sticky. (Add a little more flour or water if needed.)
5. Sprinkle a little flour onto your board or surface.
6. Start creating! If you want to make decorations to hang, you can roll out the dough and then use the cookie cutters to cut the shapes you want. Make sure that your creations are not more than 2.5cm thick. Can you name any of the shapes you've made?
7. Push a hole through each decoration using a cocktail stick or pencil.
8. Put your creations onto the baking tray and then into the oven.
9. Bake at 100°C for two hours. Turn the oven off but leave your creations inside so they continue to dry as the oven cools down. Leave for as long as you can – overnight is ideal. If you don't want to use the oven, leave your salt dough creations out to dry for a couple of days.
10. Paint and decorate your creations. You can thread a string or ribbon through the hole to hang your decorations.

