

SALT DOUGH DECORATIONS:

You will need:

2 cups plain flour, 1 cup salt, up to 1 cup water, acrylic paint, green, gold, silver glitter. Cookie cutter shapes

Instructions:



1/ Mix the salt and the flour in a bowl, then add the water gradually until mixture has a dough- like consistency- remember you do not want your dough to be too sticky,



2/ Roll out dough to about 5mm thickness

3/ Use cookie cutters to cut out your shapes, I just happened to have bell and tree shapes.

4/ Use a skewer/pencil to poke a hole through your shape (to hang it later) - keep doing this from both sides as it bakes.

5/ Bake shapes in oven for a few hours at a low temperature, around 50-75 degrees. Keep turning your shapes in the oven as they bake. Take them out when they are hard.



6/ Leave to cool completely, and then paint shapes. Paint on 2-3 coats so colour is deep.

7/ When dry, coat with a layer of PVA to seal them and sprinkle with appropriate coloured glitter.

8/ Add ribbon/wool and hang decoration on the tree or your mantlepiece.

'You may also want to make a handprint in your salt dough - this would make a lovely gift for a grandparent/relative as a record of how you are growing. I decorated mine with glitter in each of the fingerprints. '