

Making models using non-edible salt dough

Making the dough

NB: You can use any size cup but use the same one each time!

- ◆ Mix 1 cup of salt with 2 cups of flour.
- ◆ Add 1 cup of water. (For coloured dough add food colouring to the water.)
- ◆ Mix thoroughly and knead.
- ◆ Sprinkle flour on a clean surface and model as required.
- ◆ Wrap any unused dough in cling film and keep in the fridge (it will not last more than a week).



If you need help making your dough you can watch a how-to video at ideas4kids.org/1.

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Cooking your dough

NB: Younger children should ask for adult help when using the oven.

- ◆ Put greaseproof paper on a baking tray and place your models on the paper.
- ◆ Place the tray in the centre of an oven at **50 °C/Gas mark ½**.
- ◆ Check your model every half hour. If your model is fairly flat, turn it over. Remember - your model will be hot, so use oven gloves!
- ◆ Cook until your model is completely hard all the way through. Larger models may need as long as 3½ hours.

Tips for keeping your model looking good

- ◆ Don't make models that are too thick as they will sag when cooking.
- ◆ Don't make models that have small pieces that stick out as they might snap off.
- ◆ Keep your finished model away from water and damp places.
- ◆ Varnish your model.

