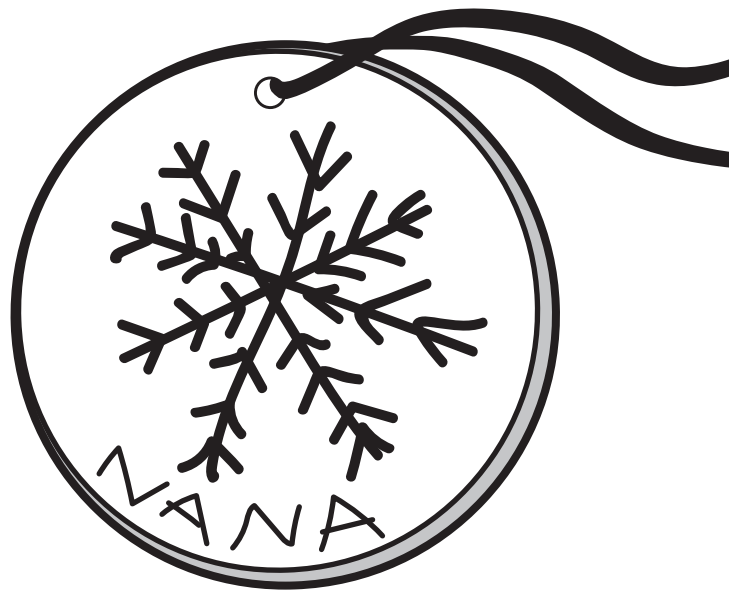




HOMEMADE HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Make your own holiday fun at home with salt dough ornaments. They make the perfect gift for friends and family, too!



Salt dough ingredients:

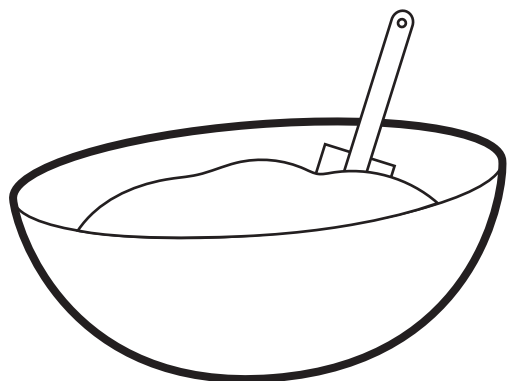
4 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup table salt
1 ½ cups warm water

What you'll need:

Rolling pin
Mixing bowl
Parchment paper
Large spoon
Baking tray
Straw
Cookie cutters, or cup
Ribbon
Decorating supplies



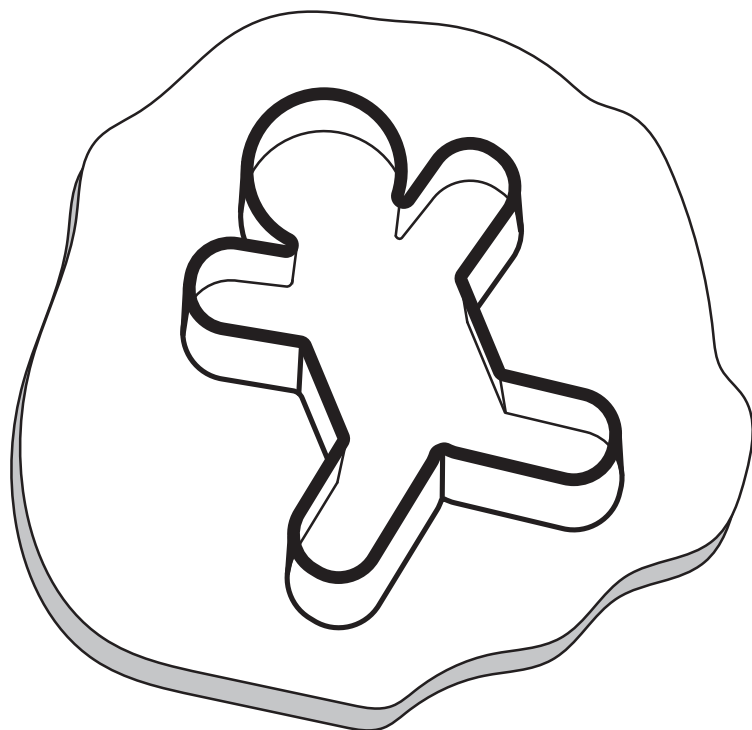
Let's get mixing!



1. In a large bowl, mix your flour and salt together. Then, slowly add warm water as you're stirring – you may need a bit of help! Keep mixing until all the water has been added.
2. When you can't mix with your spoon anymore, use your hands to continue kneading the dough.
3. Once the dough comes together, knead it for a few minutes until it's smooth and you can easily shape it.

Let's get rolling and shaping!

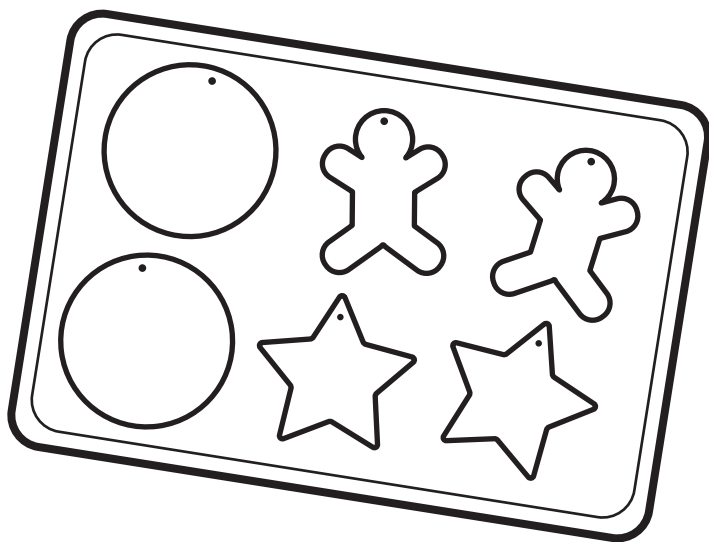
4. Now, place a piece of parchment on your surface with a chunk of your dough. Place another large piece of parchment paper on top, then roll your dough until it's 1/8" thick.
5. Take off the top layer of parchment paper, and use a cookie cutter (or cup) to create your shapes.
6. Once you've made all of your shapes, remove the excess dough, leaving your cutouts on the parchment.
7. Now, take a straw and poke a hole where you want to place your ribbon on all of your ornaments.
8. Repeat these steps with your remaining dough.



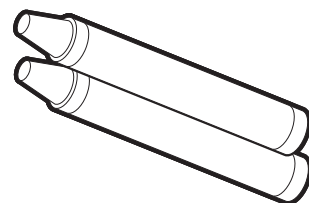


Let's get baking!

200°F



9. With the help of a grown-up, transfer the parchment sheet to a baking tray and bake in a 200°F oven until they're hard. This could take an hour, or even two, depending on the thickness.
10. Let your ornaments cool completely.



Let's get decorating!

11. It's the moment you've been waiting for! Time to paint and decorate your ornaments. If you're gifting these to family and friends, think of their favorite colors. Let's see how many different ornaments you can create!
12. Once your paint is dry, thread a ribbon through and make a knot. Now your ornaments are ready to hang or wrap up as a present!

