



ARTS AND CRAFTS

Nature Ornaments

Using the salt dough you made earlier this week.

Ingredients & Supplies:

Salt dough	Kabob Stick or toothpick	Nature item to press into the Dough (leaf, pine, shell)
1" Twine or Yarn	Scissors	
Wax/Parchment paper	Rolling pin (optional)	
Butter knife	Cookie cutters (optional)	

Instructions:

1. Divide the dough in half. On the wax paper, flatten half of it with a rolling pin or by hand, so that it is about 1/4" thick.
2. Using cookie cutter or a butter knife cut the dough into a shape that is ~3" x 6".
3. Use the kabob stick to create a hole about 1/2" from the top of the shape. This will be used to hang the ornament.
4. Lightly press the nature item(s) into the surface of the ornament to create an outline or texture.
5. Using the remaining dough create 4-6 , 1/2" beads by rolling the dough in your hands to create a ball. Do this 4-5 times to create similar sized balls.
6. Use the kabob stick to poke a hole all the way through the ball. Swirl it around a few times to make the hole a little wider. Repeat this for all of the balls.
7. Carefully move all the dough items to a baking sheet.
8. Cook at 200° F for 45 minutes-1 hour. Remove from oven and cool.
9. String the twine through the hole in the ornament and tie off. Then string half the beads down one side of the ornament and half down the other. Knot the ends together.
10. Your ornament is ready to hang.

*Note: Salt dough can also be painted after it is cooked.

