

Salt dough

Salt dough is inexpensive, simple to make, and can help you build an awesome model. Remember the ratio 2:1:1 (2 parts flour: 1 part salt: 1 part water).

To make a small batch of salt dough, you will need:

- **2 cups of flour**
- **1 cup of salt**
- **1 cup of lukewarm water**

Combine flour and salt in a medium mixing bowl. Slowly add the water and mix until a dough forms. Move the dough to a counter top or cutting board sprinkled with flour and knead for at least 5 minutes (the longer you knead, the smoother your dough will be).



*Double or triple the recipe as needed. Just remember the ratio is always 2:1:1!

TIPS:

Store your salt dough in an air tight container until you are ready to use it.



Add color to your dough by adding high quality food coloring (Gel works best) to the water before you mix it with the flour & salt. You may also add powdered tempera paint to the flour before mixing with the salt and water.

Mold the salt dough into any shape you like. Once it is dry, you can paint it with acrylic paint.

Dry your salt dough. Leave your salt dough out, uncovered to allow it to air dry. Wait at least overnight, though depending on the thickness of the dough and the humidity, it may take even longer. You can speed up the drying process by putting your creations in the oven. Bake at 200°F until dry. Drying times may vary. For small items, this may take as little as 1 hour but larger items will need to be in the oven for 3 or more hours. You can increase the temperature to 300°F but this could discolor your creation as it may brown in the oven.