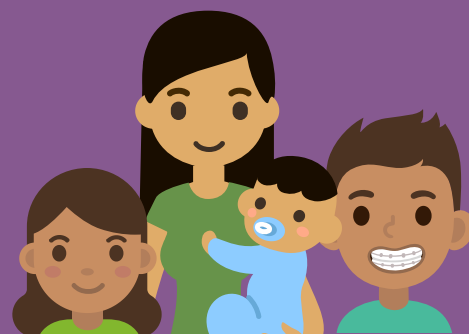


AT HOME RESOURCES



Plan a Christmas Crafternoon! Check out the link below to find many craft Ideas for many ages (4+ with adult supervision) or enjoy one of these activities, selected for you by our Recreation team. Happy Holidays!

<https://www.personalcreations.com/blog/christmas-crafts-for-kids>

Christmas Salt Dough Ornament

Supplies:

Plain flour, salt, water, paint/glitter, string/ribbon, Christmas cookie cutters (Christmas star, stockings, Christmas tree, gingerbread men, etc.), rolling pin or other utensil to roll dough.

Instructions:

- Get children to sit around a table, counter or other flat surface.
- In a large bowl, add 2 cups of flour and 1 cup of salt.
- Slowly add 1 cup of warm water while stirring. Keep stirring until you've added all the water.
- Once the mixture becomes too difficult to stir, begin to knead it by hand until dough forms.
- Once the dough starts to come together, keep kneading with your hands for a few minutes until the dough is smooth and pliable
- Place on a flat surface and roll out the dough until 1/8" thick. You want to err on the side of a thinner dough. Too thick, and the ornaments tend to split or break easily because of air pockets that get trapped in the middle.
- Then using cookie cutters, cut into the dough—do not try to remove the cut-out pieces!
- When you're finished cutting the pieces, peel away the excess dough, leaving behind the shapes.
- Take a drinking straw or another utensil and poke a hole in the top of each ornament for a ribbon to hang from.
- Leave dough out overnight or until completely dry.
- Once dry, cut string or ribbon and tie it to the ornament.
- Then decorate ornaments how you wish with paint and/or glitter!

[30 Easy Kids' Christmas Ornaments to Make at Home from happyhooligans.ca](#)

Snowflake Salt Painting

Supplies:

Paper, white glue (liquid is best), salt, paint brush, food coloring and water.

Instructions:

- Get children to sit around a table, counter or other flat surface.
- First, print off a snowflake template or any picture you desire!
- Begin by tracing the snowflakes or desired template with your glue.
- Pour salt over your image. Use as much salt necessary to ensure you coat all of the glue. If you miss a piece the color won't run over that part. Now shake off your excess salt from your page.
- Mix together food coloring and water. Add more water to lighten the colors or add more food coloring for more vibrant colors. Use the water/food coloring mixture and a paint brush to paint the salt picture
- Once you're done, let your painting dry. Be careful not to touch the salt or it may come off. If you do accidentally knock off some salt, if you scrape it all off you'll be left with a beautiful watercolor painting underneath!

Gingerbread Playdough

Supplies:

Plain flour (all purpose), salt, any oil (vegetable, olive, coconut, etc.), cream of tartar (if you do not have cream of tartar, it can be replaced with baking soda or omitted from the recipe), boiling water (added gradually), ginger and/or ground cinnamon.

Instructions:

- Get children to sit around a table, counter or other flat surface.
- In a large bowl, mix 2 cups of flour, ½ cup of salt, 2 tablespoons of cream of tartar or substitute, 1 tablespoons ginger and/or 2 tablespoons of ground cinnamon.
- Feel free to add other spices such as nutmeg and cloves.
- Add 3 tablespoons of oil.
- Gradually stir in the boiling water and allow to cool briefly.
- Knead it into a workable dough on a floured surface using your hands. After a few minutes it should be soft and smooth and none should come off on your fingers.
- If it's still a little sticky then add more flour, one tablespoon at a time until it's just right!
- Once you have reached a desired consistency, feel free to use how you wish!
- Maybe try using Christmas cookie cutters!

[50+ Christmas Crafts for Kids - The Best Ideas for Kids](#)



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