

Fun stuff!

Make it

STAR! SUPER SALT-DOUGH!

What you'll need

- Plain flour
- Table salt
- Water
- Rolling pin
- Pastry cutters (optional)
- A straw
- Wooden skewers
- Paints
- Varnish (optional)
- Ribbon or string

Start here!

Make mega medals, plant-pot decorations and more with this super-simple dough!

TIP!
Add a little more flour if the mixture is too wet or a bit more water if it's too dry.

1 Mix one cup of flour and ½ cup of salt in a large bowl. Add ½ cup of water, a little at a time, stirring with a spoon. When all the water is mixed in, use your hands to form a ball with the dough. Then knead it until it's nice and smooth.

2 Roll out the dough onto a flat, floured surface until it's about 7mm thick. Use your pastry cutters to stamp out shapes or cut out shapes of your own. Smooth off any rough edges with your fingers.

3 For medals or hanging decorations, make a hole in the top using a straw. For plant-pot ornaments, insert a skewer 2cm into the bottom of your shape. Wiggle the skewer around to make the hole bigger, so it doesn't close up when the dough dries.

4 To make your ornaments dry quickly, pop them in the microwave for 2-3 minutes on a heat-proof plate lined with greaseproof paper. Take the skewers out first!

TIP!
If you don't have a microwave, you can put them in an oven on a very low heat for a couple of hours. Or leave them to air dry for a day or two.

5 When they've cooled, start painting! You can add a coat or two of varnish if you want them to last for a long time. When dry, thread ribbon through the holes or insert the skewers. TA-DA! You're ready to show off your fantastic creations!

FATHER'S DAY FUN

Check out these five fab ways to say thanks to your dad on Father's Day. You're guaranteed to make his day...



1 Go on, let him have a lie in. A really lovely long one. With no interruptions!

2 Make your pops some breakfast in bed. Bring up toast, tea and maybe even the morning papers on a tray. Yum!



3 Hand-made cards are the best. Maybe you could draw a portrait of him on the front and, on the inside, list three reasons why you think he's awesome.

4 Step away from the TV and let him be the boss of the remote control today!



5 Be on your best behaviour! Let your dad have a relaxing day without a single squabble, whinge or bit of back-chat! Not that you really love NG KIDS readers would ever do any of those things, of course!

Q Why was the footy pitch triangular? A Because someone took a corner! Q Why are footballers never asked for dinner? A They're always dribbling!