



**How to make
Salt Dough
Nativity Figures**

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SALT DOUGH NATIVITY FIGURES

or

ORNAMENTS

4 CUPS PLAIN FLOUR

1 CUP SALT

1 ½ CUPS WATER

My Moms recipe

Mix the flour and salt together and then add the water. Knead the dough. Take bits of the dough and shape into desired figures if you're making the nativity. Or if you're making ornaments, cut out figures with assorted cookie cutters, etc. for your tree.

For the ornaments, place half of a paperclip at the top of figure (this becomes the hanger) or you can take a sharp point and make a hole in the top of the ornament. After baking, you can place a string or ribbon through the hole to hang them on your Christmas tree.

If you're making "nativity figures", when fitting arms, legs, heads, etc. onto the body, lightly moisten the parts with water so that they will stick together to the body.

Bake at 350 degrees for 2 hours. (Some of the thinner parts, may "brown" too quickly, so keep an eye on it.) Remove from oven when done, and when cooled, if you desire, you can paint faces, clothing, etc. with acrylic paint and let dry. Or just spray the figures and/or ornaments with shellac if you like the natural look.

When your kids are making the nativity (or ornaments), it's so fun to see how they form them into the different figures. They are priceless no matter how they look, because they did it with their individual creativity at this stage of their lives, which will be gone in the blink of an eye...