

## Salt Ornament Decorating Challenge

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### Challenge

Make salt dough ornaments and decorate them! There will be three winning categories in this challenge: **Most Creative**, **Best Skilled Trade/Tech Theme**, and **Funniest!**

### Challenge Materials

- Ornament ingredients
- Materials for decorating, such as paint, glitter, fabric, or felt
- Tools to apply decorations, such as paint brushes and glue

**A recipe is included on page 3, but you can use your preferred recipe.**

### Challenge Rules

1. Salt dough ornaments must be made and not purchased.
2. You can form your ornaments into any shape you like, such as stars, snowmen, or snowflakes.
3. You can use any materials to decorate your ornaments - get creative!
4. You must submit at least one photo of you making the ornament, one photo decorating, and one photo of the final product.
5. Once you are done, upload your project to Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, or TikTok. Follow and tag **@SkillsOntario** and use the hashtags **#SkillsWinterfest2020** and **#WinterfestOrnament**. In your post, you may note the category you are entering for: **Most Creative**, **Best Skilled Trade/Tech Theme**, or **Funniest!**

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**Skills:** Design and Planning, Creativity, Attention to Detail, Teamwork

**Skilled Trades/Technologies:** Baking

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**Note:** Health and Safety is always important. Please be sure to check with a parent or guardian when participating in challenges. If you are under the age of 18, ask for parental guidance.

**Safety:** Use caution when baking or using adhesive to decorate ornaments.

### Judging/Scoring

Submissions will be marked in the following:

Overall Visual Appeal and Creativity	Points
Submitted fewer than three photos	0-5 points
Submitted three or more photos	6-10 points
Submitted three or more photos, ornaments were visually appealing and had fun décor	11-15 points
Submitted three or more photos, ornaments were creative and had an overall theme	16-20 points
<b>Total Marks (Total out of 20)</b>	

**Challenger Total Marks:      / 20 points**

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### Salt Dough Ornament Recipe and Instructions

#### Ingredients and tools

1. 4 cups of all purpose flour
2. 1 cup of salt (salt is used to preserve the ornaments)
3. 1 and 1/2 cups of warm water
4. Mixing bowl and spoon
5. Cookie sheet
6. Rolling pin
7. Parchment paper
8. Cookie cutter or other items needed to shape dough

#### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a mixing bowl, stir together the flour and salt until combined.
3. Slowly add warm water into the salt and flour mixture.
4. When it becomes difficult to mix with a spoon, place your dough on the counter or other surface and mix with your hands.
5. Once the dough comes together, keep kneading with your hands for a few minutes until the dough is smooth and pliable.
6. Once dough is mixed, roll it out and cut into shapes using cookie cutter, butter knives or any tools you need and place on parchment paper lined cookie sheets.
7. If you plan to hang your shapes or need holes in your ornaments for decorative purposes, make your holes before you bake.
8. Bake your ornaments for about an hour. The cook time will vary based on the thickness of your ornaments. Bake the ornaments until they are firm to the touch. Make sure you have an adult help you when using the oven or checking the ornaments.
9. Once the ornaments are completely cool, you can paint and decorate.

**Tip:** If you want the ornaments to last, make sure you seal them!