

"Monterey Booseum of Art"

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Salt Dough Pumpkins

This super simple recipe is enough to make a few small pumpkin sculptures, or one huge pumpkin. Salt dough is made with non-toxic household ingredients, but not very tasty, so please don't eat your dough!



MATERIALS

- ½ cup Salt
- 1 cup Flour
- ½ cup Water
- Paint or Food Coloring (optional)

TIP: Heat oven to 250 degrees F



STEP ONE

Pour Salt, Flour, and Water into a large bowl and mix until combined.

TIP: If using food coloring to color your dough, add a few drops of color into the water before mixing.



STEP TWO

Knead mixture on a floured surface. If your dough is too sticky, add very small amounts of flour until it loses its stickiness. Salt dough should be smooth and stretchy!



STEP THREE

Pull dough apart into a few pieces and roll each section into a ball. Use your hands to squish or flatten the dough to make natural looking pumpkin shapes. Try a variety of shapes, like tall, round, or lopsided!

TIP: using tools like toothpicks or popsicle sticks can help you add texture to your pumpkins



STEP FOUR

Bake pumpkins on a tray for 2 - 2.5 hours in the oven, keeping a close eye so they don't brown. Let cool and harden overnight before adding paint or other decorations.

Salt dough will air dry over 3-4 days if you prefer not to use an oven.