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)

**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.

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