

Playdough Christmas Tree Decorations

Using playdough helps children to facilitate exploratory and creative play, promote sensory and tactile stimulation and enhance their fine motor skills.



TIP:

You can also use existing old playdough you have at home instead of making your own.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups Standard Flour
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- ½ cup salt
- Food colouring of your choice (red or green!)
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 300ml boiling water

METHOD

- 1 Whisk the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a bowl.
- 2 Pour the boiling water into a measuring jug and then stir in the oil and a few drops of food colouring.
- 3 Pour onto the dry ingredients and mix until everything is well combined and the mixture is sticky.
- 4 Set aside to cool for 10-15 minutes.
- 5 Once cooled, tip the mixture out onto the bench (or a chopping board) and knead vigorously for a few minutes until the dough is smooth and no longer sticky.

TO MAKE THE ORNAMENTS:

- 1 Preheat oven to 125 degrees fan-forced and line a baking tray with baking paper and set aside.
- 2 Roll out the dough until its 5-6mm thick.
- 3 Here's the fun part – get your children to use cookie cutter shapes to cut out shapes for the decorations. For those kiddies wanting to add sparkle, glitter can also be added to the playdough! Use a toothpick or a skewer to poke holes for the string that will tie them up onto the tree.
- 4 Put them onto the baking paper lined tray and into the oven for 1 hour or until firm. Turning them at the 30 minute mark.
- 5 Once they have cooled put a beautiful ribbon through them. Voila! Xmas ornament magic for your tree, or pressies for the extended family!

TIP:

You can use a permanent marker to draw on the ornaments eg. some snowman eyes, mini Christmas tree baubles, or your kids name and year they made their creation.