

Salt Dough Advent Wreath

Make an Advent Wreath that you can use for years to come! A great family activity. Make one large one together or individual small ones with birthday candles.

Here's the one my family made probably 15 years ago:



- The wreath requires simple ingredients, some manual labour to knead and shape, your creativity to make it your own, and then patience for it to bake (which really is drying).
- Colour the dough before you bake, or paint after, or go natural.
- Salt dough can be used to make decorations, or an “Advent Spiral” as a count down to Christmas.
- Have fun!

Best website for “How to”:

<https://laminatorsdaughter.wordpress.com/2011/12/01/salt-dough-advent-wreath/#:~:text=Made%20out%20of%20salt%20dough,light%20all%20of%20the%20candles.>



←This is the wreath from the site.

Included is the recipe and step by step instructions.

Recipe used here:

- 1 1/2 cups of plain flour
- 1/2 cup of table salt
- 1 tablespoon of oil
- 2/3 cup of chilled water.

Important: you need the candles you will use with the wreath to shape the candle holders.

Tips:

- If dough is crumbly, add drops of water; too sticky, add small amount of flour.
- Add food colouring to the dough if you want some colour. Vibrant colours require more colouring.
- Make sure the candle holders retain their shape when you transfer to the oven.
- Oven temp should be no higher than 300°F. You are drying the dough not baking it. You don't want it to brown. Test before removing from the oven: dough should feel firm, not soft and dry. You don't want it to brown.
- Allow a couple of hours to bake just in case, especially if the wreath is thick. No worries about putting in the oven right away: shape it in the afternoon and bake after supper. It will air dry until your oven is free.
- Some people like to add a "finishing" product after the wreath has cooled like Mod Podge or varnish. This is not necessary as the wreath will keep fine without.



small Advent wreath using birthday candles

Other uses for Salt Dough:



Advent Spiral

