

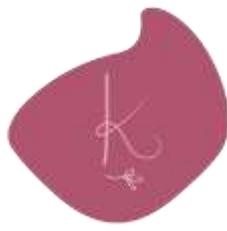


## Lesson: MAKE SOME CLAY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS!

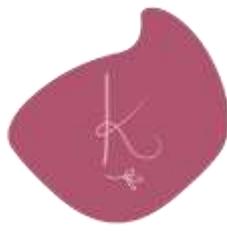
In this lesson, we will make our own clay, using only 3 ingredients! We will then use the clay to make some Christmas ornaments. You might like to hang some on your Christmas tree, and give some to your family and friends!



<b>Step 1</b>	Gather your supplies for the clay. You will need the following ingredients (note: any brand is fine to use): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 cup bi-carb soda</li><li>• ½ cup cornflour</li><li>• ¾ cup warm water</li></ul>	
<b>Step 2</b>	Put the bi-carb soda and cornflour into a saucepan, and mix with a spoon.	
<b>Step 3</b>	<b>Note:</b> ask an adult to help with this step, as we need to use the stove.  Add the warm water and stir through. Place the saucepan on the stove, and heat the mixture over medium heat, stirring continuously. The mixture will start to bubble and thicken. When it has started coming together like play dough, turn off the heat and leave it to cool for a few minutes.	



<p><b>Step 4</b></p>	<p>Once the clay has cooled, turn the clay out onto a smooth placemat or board. Knead the dough for a few minutes. It should feel really smooth and soft.</p> <p><i>Tip:</i> Before you roll out the clay, you can put a piece of baking paper under the clay. This will help the clay from sticking to your placemat or board.</p> <p>Roll out the clay, and use some scone, cookie or playdough cutters to cut out the shapes. Place each of the shapes on an oven tray lined with baking paper.</p>	 
<p><b>Step 5</b></p>	<p>Use a chopstick or a straw to make a hole near the top of each of your shapes (not too close to the edge though, as the ornament might break). Make sure that the hole is big enough to thread the string/ribbon that you would like to use to hang your ornaments.</p>	
<p><b>Step 6</b></p>	<p>If you like, you can use a chopstick or other clay tools to add some texture to your decorations.</p>	



<b>Step 7</b>	<p><b>Note:</b> ask an adult to help with this step, as we need to use the oven.</p> <p>Heat the oven to 100 degrees, and bake your clay creations for approximately 1 hour. (They may require a little longer if your ornaments are quite thick, or less time if they are quite thin). Once cooked, leave your clay creations to cool (they will continue to dry out and harden at room temperature).</p>	
<b>Step 8</b>	<p>Once your decorations are hard, you can paint them with acrylic paints! You might also like to add some glitter!</p>	
<b>Step 9</b>	<p>Use some string, twine or ribbon to make a loop for each of your decorations. You might also like to add a bow as well 😊</p>	

### Did you enjoy making your decorations?

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