

## Salt dough ornaments

Support children to follow simple instructions and celebrate different occasions by making simple salt dough ornaments for Mother's Day or Father's Day.

### Learning aims

- To have awareness of and celebrate different occasions/festivals
- To create a salt dough ornament gift
- To follow simple instructions to make salt dough.

### Resources

- A simple salt dough recipe
- Ingredients
- Stencils/cutters
- Ribbon.



### Activity Outline

- Talk to the children about Mother's Day/Father's Day and why it is nice to celebrate occasions/festivals
- Introduce salt dough ornaments. Show example photos to the children
- Ask the children to think about what shape they would like their ornament to be and who they might give it to
- Set up the ingredients and recipe so they are accessible for the children. This will vary according to their age. For older children, this may mean using a sheet with the number '2' on to represent two scoops of flour etc.
- Support the children to make and bake the salt dough ornaments, making sure to put a small hole in the top for threading
- Bake the ornaments
- Once set and cooled, the children can thread the ribbon through the top
- Send the ornaments home with the children to gift to their chosen person.

### Special considerations

*Children may prefer to make something different than salt dough ornaments and this can be supported by offering a range of craft resources for children to express themselves creatively.*