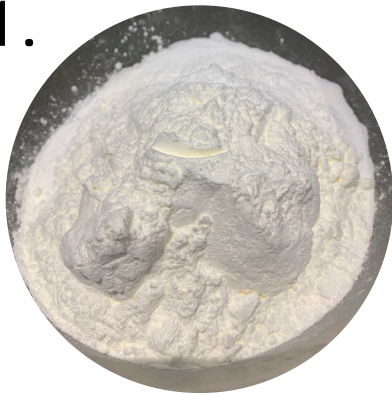


Clay Ornaments

1.



Wisk together 1 cup of baking soda and 1/2 cup of cornstarch in a medium saucepan. Add cinnamon, nutmeg or cloves, if desired. Slowly add 3/4 cup of water. Add food colouring to water before mixing if desired.

2.



Stir over medium heat until mixture begins to thicken. When it looks smooth, like mashed potatoes, remove from heat.

3.



Place in a bowl and cover until cool. When cool, knead on a smooth surface sprinkled with cornstarch. Add cornstarch if it feels too sticky.

4.



Roll out portions on a mat or parchment paper. Use cookie cutters, stamps and straws to make shapes, designs, and holes. Let dry or bake at 175°F for 1-2 hours. Turn over once during baking.

5.



Paint or decorate as desired when cool and dry.



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