



Make an animal decoration!

Follow the instructions below to make some air dry clay and use it to create a decoration!

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Air dry PVA and cornflour dough

Ingredients

- 1 cup cornflour (cornstarch)
- 1 cup PVA glue
- 2 tbsps vegetable oil
- 2 tbsps vinegar or lemon juice

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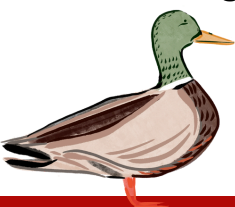
1. Combine all ingredients in a non-stick pan and stir until smooth



2. Cook on a low heat, stirring constantly until the mixture begins to resemble cottage cheese and starts to come away from the bottom of the pan. Do not overcook dough as it will become tough and rubbery



3. Remove the dough from the heat and tip onto a table (you can use moisturiser or cornflour to prevent it from sticking although it is very sticky to start with)



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4. While it is still hot, knead the dough until it becomes smooth, stretchy and not sticky. You'll know when it's ready when a small amount of dough pulled off creates a droplet shape
5. Dough can be stored in an airtight container for 3 months



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- PVA and cornflour dough
- baking parchment
- rolling pin
- large animal cookie cutters
- various dried pulses and beans
- string

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1. Roll out a small amount of dough on baking paper, approximately 1cm thick - thicker pieces will take longer to dry but they will be easier to stick the pulses into
2. Use your favourite animal cutter to cut out your animal shape and discard the extra dough
3. Choose some pulses to press into the dough and create your own beautiful designs! Make sure they are well pressed in so that they don't drop out when the dough dries



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4. Use a skewer to make a small hole so that you can hang up your decoration once it has dried
5. Leave your creation to dry for a day or two and then hang it up with string!



Don't forget to send us a photo of your decoration to info@beavertrust.org or upload it to social media and tag us @beavertrust to join our colony at the lodge.



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