

Salt Dough Fish

Outcome

An array of brightly coloured fish will be made with salt dough and painted with acrylic paints.

What you will need

1 cup salt
2 cups plain flour
½ cup water
Mixing bowl
Acrylic paints in lots of colours
Googly eyes
Sparkles and sequins if you have them
PVA glue
Old newspaper

Here's how to make it!

- o Spread newspaper over your work area to protect it from paint.
- o Combine the salt, flour and water in a mixing bowl and knead into a dough.
- o Shape the main bodies using the illustrations from Nerrilee's World.
- o Make triangular fins, tails and scales and join to the bodies with a little water on a finger, press the surfaces together gently.
 - Tip: Support the body of the fish with little bean bags if the wet fins and tails are not strong enough when still wet.*
- o Make some lips using sausage shapes, pinch the sides together and attach with a little water on a finger, press the surfaces together gently.
- o Wait until your salt dough fish are completely dry before painting them white (drying time can be speeded up by placing them in a low oven for an hour or in the sun on a fine day).
- o Allow the white paint to dry completely.
- o Using the illustrations in Nerrilee's World as a guide, start painting your fishes in a wonderful array of colours and patterns.
- o When you have finished painting your fish you may add sequins or glitter with glue.
- o For an authentic fish look, glue on googly eyes.

Variations

Make some starfish, coral and sponges to make your fish feel at home.
Make your own monster fish designs in crazy colours and invent names for them.