

Holiday Clay Ornaments

Air Dry Clay:

- 1 ½ C. Cornstarch
- 1 C. White Glue
- 1 tbsp. White Vinegar
- 1 tbsp. Lotion
- 1 tbsp. Olive Oil or Baby Oil

Mix all of the ingredients together to form a dough-like consistency. Add cornstarch if it's too wet.

Materials:

- Homemade Air Dry Clay (see above)
- Rolling pin
- Cookie cutter (any shape)
- Pine, juniper, pine cones, acorns, leaves, etc.
- Straw
- Twine, string, etc.

Directions:

1. Roll out your homemade air dry clay until your desired thickness.



- Using your cookie cutter, cut out as many ornaments as you'd like to have.



- Using the things you found in nature (juniper, pine needles/cones, etc.), press these pieces into your clay to make imprints on the clay itself. You can either leave these pieces on the clay so it will dry and stay attached to the ornament or you can remove the pieces so you can a plain imprint on the ornament for you to decorate later.



- Using your straw, make a hole at the top of each ornament.



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5. Let the clay ornaments sit and dry out for +24 hrs.
6. Once dry, you can paint your ornaments if you choose to. Use string or twine to hang up your new holiday ornament!

Please do NOT collect pine, juniper, acorns, pine cones, etc. from the Wilbur D. May Arboretum. Collect them from your own yard and use those!