Ornament Recipes

Three doughs for homemade ornaments · roll 1/4 inch thick · wash hands after

Baking soda clay

Best for kids: an adult cooks it, so there is no raw flour

1. 1 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup cornstarch, 3/4 cup water.
2. Grown-up: stir in a saucepan over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes, until it thickens like mashed potatoes.
3. Cool under a damp towel, then knead, roll 1/4 inch thick and cut shapes. Poke a hole with a straw.
4. Air-dry 1 to 2 days, flipping once. Paint when dry; seal with clear sealer.

Cinnamon ornaments

No flour, and they smell like the holidays

1. 1 cup ground cinnamon, 3/4 cup applesauce, 2 tablespoons white glue (makes them sturdier).
2. Mix and knead into a dough, roll 1/4 inch thick, cut shapes and poke a hole.
3. Air-dry 2 to 3 days, flipping each day, or bake at 200°F for about 2 hours.
4. Not food: the glue and the amount of cinnamon make these for looking and smelling only.

Salt dough

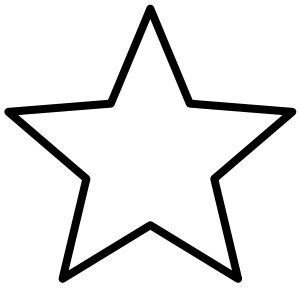
The classic: a grown-up mixes and shapes it

1. 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, 3/4 to 1 cup water. Knead 5 minutes, roll 1/4 inch thick, cut, poke a hole.
2. Bake at 250°F for 2 to 3 hours, until hard and dry all the way through.
3. Raw flour can carry germs: the FDA advises not letting children use raw dough for crafts. Kids paint the shapes after baking.
4. Hang it out of reach of dogs: the salt in salt dough can poison pets.

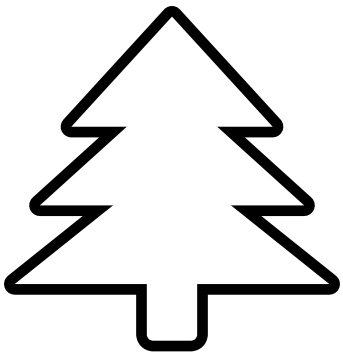
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Dough Shapes

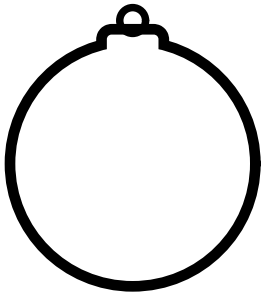
Lay a paper shape on rolled dough and cut around it (a grown-up uses the knife)



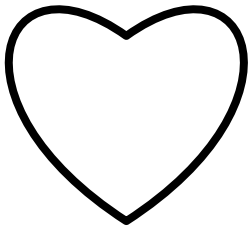
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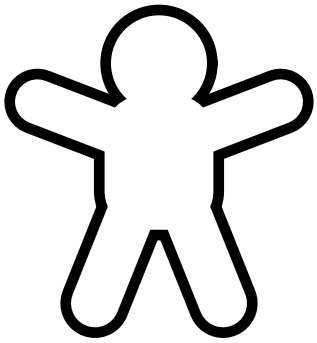
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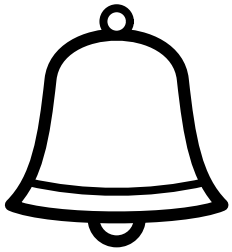
Round ornament



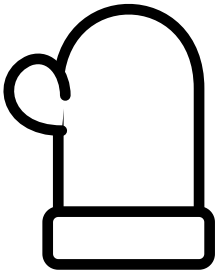
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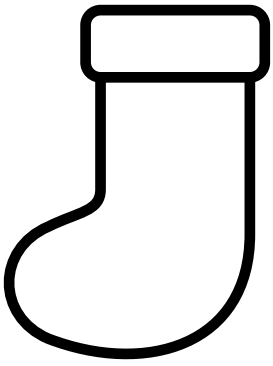
Gingerbread



Bell



Mitten



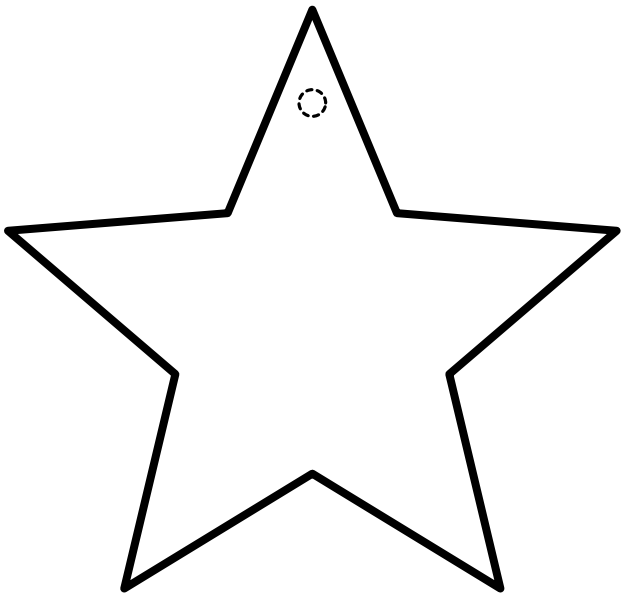
Stocking

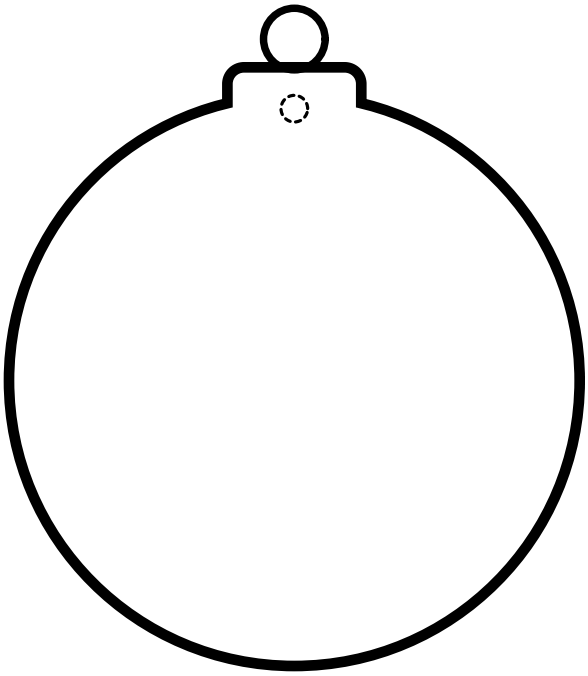
Shapes are about 2 to 3 inches across. Also good for tracing onto cereal-box cardboard.

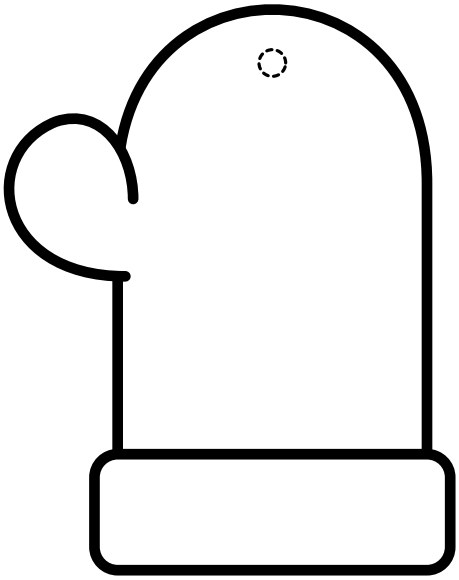
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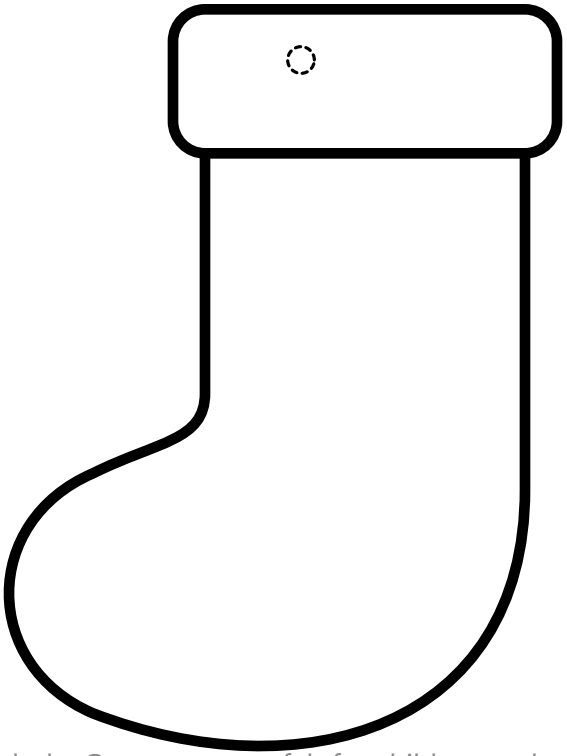
Felt & Paper Ornaments

Trace onto felt, cardstock or cardboard. Cut two of each to glue back to back.









Dotted circles show where to punch the ribbon hole. Grown-ups cut felt for children under 5.

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Keepsake Tags

Fill in, cut out and glue on the back of an ornament

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