

DRAGON FRIEND!

(LITTLE BIT MORE CHALLENGING VERSION)



YOU WILL NEED:

- ♥ Flour (use any measure)
- ♥ Salt (half as much as Flour)
- ♥ Water (same amount as Salt)
- ♥ Acrylic or Poster Paints
- ♥ Varnish / PVA glue / Acrylic Paint / Hairspray

1 Mix together the flour, salt and water. Use your hands! Get messy! When it's neither hard nor soft, and not lumpy, shape it in a ball and wrap it in clingfilm. Put it in the fridge for a half hour.

2 To make the body, shape the dough like a carrot. Then roll two party sausages. These will be the legs. Stand the legs up & push the bent carrot shape onto them. Smooth the dough to join. Because salt dough is quite heavy, it will slump down, and create a cute, chubby effect. You can help this along by pressing in some dents to make ankles.

3 Shape an oval for the head. Roll tiny balls for the eyes and nose. You can use an old biro to push in and make the nose holes. Then pinch the top corners of the oval to make horns! These can be long, curly, droopy, anything you like.

4 Make two carrot shapes for the wings and flatten slightly. Pinch out points for the arch and spikes along the bottom. Play around with where you would like the wings, then stick the wings to the body – you might need to moisten the dough a little – and smooth to join.

5 Create some thin sausages for arms, and play around with other decorative bits – tiny carrot shapes make claws and spikes! I used the handle of a spoon to press in little chub-rolls. Does your dragon have a hair style? Eye brows? Clothing? They could be carrying something on their back. At this point the dough might be getting sticky so don't take too long.

6 Dry it out in the Oven – lowest setting, for about 3 hours. This can also be done in the microwave, VERY CAREFULLY – do 30 seconds at a time, until your dragon is pale and hard. Then it's time to paint! If you're not using acrylic paints then it's a good idea to seal it all with something like PVA glue. Otherwise, it will eventually go gross. Try using bright contrasting shades, or try a theme! Use glitter responsibly.

7 Keep your dragon friend nearby. And don't forget to give them a name, it's very important. Mine is called Gertrude.

