

PAINTED MEDIIEVAL TILE



YOU WILL NEED:

- ♥ Flour, Salt, and Warmish water
- ♥ Baking paper, and Tray
- ♥ Orange & White Paint
- ♥ A paintbrush
- ♥ Something to cut around like a coaster
- ♥ Optional: PVA glue

1 Mix up your salt dough! It's a ratio of 2:1:1 – so a cup of flour, half a cup of salt, and half a cup of water. Don't worry about getting it bang on, you can add in more water or flour until it looks like this.

We are colouring this orange, to look like terracotta. The easiest way to do that is to squeeze some orange paint (any kind, really) into the warm water before you mix it all together.

2 Whap it out onto a sheet of baking paper. That's really important – you don't want to be trying to scrape it up to get it in the oven later. It will be very sticky, so keep everything well dusted with flour. Use a rolling pin (or a wine bottle!) to roll it to around the thickness of a pound coin.

3 It's really useful to have something to use as a cutting guide, like a coaster. If you don't have one handy then you can try using paper folded into a square. Just make sure that all of the ones you cut out are the same size so they fit together!

4 Trim the baking paper around each tile, and then put them in the oven. They need a long time at a very low temperature – try putting them in after the oven has been used for something else and let them dry out as the oven cools down. You can also put them in the microwave – one at a time, for 30 seconds, checking very closely in between!

6 Once they are dried and cool, carefully peel the baking paper away. Use white paint (acrylic works well) to decorate the surface of the tile – use the pictures in the Dragon Club email for inspiration! I am doing a Fleur de Lis (fairly easy) and some birds – much harder.

Try watering down some paint and rubbing it around the edge of the tile for a more settled, aged look. This will bring up the texture!

7 Leave them for a day or so to completely dry out and then coat them in PVA glue to seal and preserve them. Nice!

