

Make a Pinch Pot!

Julia and her family made special bowls together and each person added their own unique touch. Follow the instructions on this page to make a simple dough you can use to make pinch pots of your own!

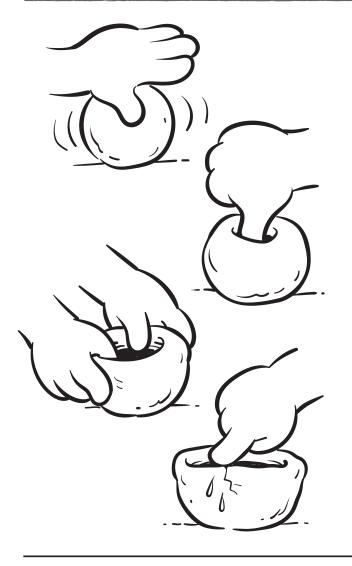
Make the dough:

- 1. Combine the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl.
- 2. Slowly add water while stirring and mixing to form a dough.
- 3. Knead the dough for about 5-7 minutes until it is smooth and firm and not tacky. If your dough feels dry, add a little more water. If it's sticky, add a little more flour.

You'll need:

Makes: 2 1/2 cups salt dough

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water
- Large mixing bowl
- Baking sheet
- Foil



Make a pinch pot:

- 1. Roll your dough into a ball.
- 2. Use your thumb or finger to make a little dent in the middle of the ball of dough. Be sure not to push all the way through.
- 3. Time to pinch! Use your fingers and thumbs to pinch the edges of the clay into a bowl shape.
- 4. If you need to, use your fingers and a little bit of water to smooth out any cracks or rough spots.
- 5. To dry, grown-ups can place the bowls on a baking sheet lined with foil and bake them in the oven at 200 degrees for about 30 minutes, or until the surface turns a light golden brown. (You can also let your creations air dry — it may take a couple days.)
- 6. Have a grown-up carefully remove the tray and bowls from the oven and let them cool.
- 7. When your bowl is cool and dry, decorate it with craft paint or markers.

Safety Note: Remember, these bowls won't be food, microwave, or dishwasher safe, so please don't eat or drink from them.