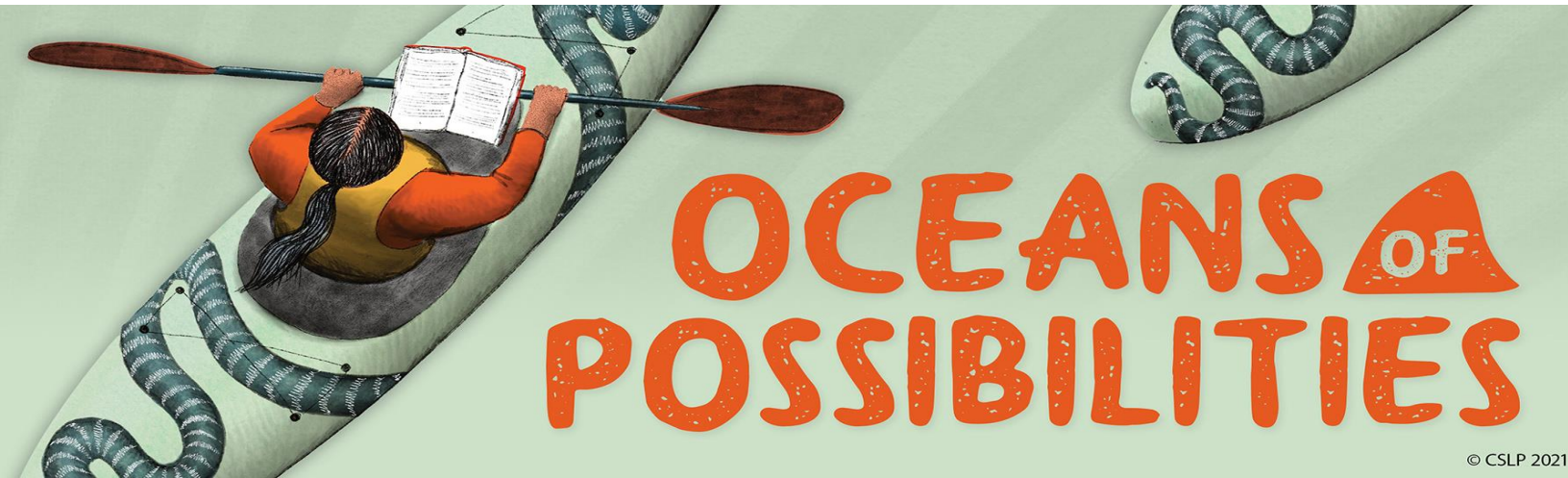


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Baking Soda Dough Sea Art



BAKING SODA DOUGH
Sea Art

Baking Soda Dough Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 cups baking soda, provided
- 1 cup cornstarch, provided
- 1 1/4 cup water

Instructions



1. Combine all the ingredients in a pot and heat on medium heat. Constantly stir the ingredients until the mixture begins to thicken and resemble mashed potatoes. It will take several minutes to thicken.

2. When the mixture looks like mashed potatoes, scoop it out onto a Silpat mat or parchment paper to cool down. Cover it with a damp cloth.
3. Once the dough is cool enough to handle, you can roll it out to approximately 1/4" thickness and use cookie cutters, stamps, shape by hand, or whatever method you want to use to decorate your cut-outs.
4. Bake at 175F for 45 minutes to an hour. Baking will make the dough turn a slightly tan color.
5. Let the dough cool and you're ready to decorate.

Notes

Through feedback, it's best to try to get the dough an even thickness. This will ensure the dough will dry out evenly when baked and will help prevent uneven discoloring of the dough.

Creating the Sea Art

Materials

- Baking soda dough (recipe above)
- white acrylic paint
- tropical blue paint or paint color of your choice
- thick art paper to fit inside picture frame
- silver nail polish
- clear acrylic spray
- newspaper or something to cover your table surface
- E6000 glue or hot glue

Tools

- Silicone mat or parchment paper
- cookie cutters
- paint brushes
- round tip needle or nail dotting tool

Instructions



1. Roll out dough into 1/4" thick sheet and use cookie cutters to cut shapes or free hand the shapes.



2. To make the starfish, take the 5 balls and use your thumb and pointer finger to shape and flatten into triangles. Next, take the triangles and combine them together. Make sure to pinch the edges on both the front and back into the shape of a starfish. It's important to smooth out the edges where the pieces connect or cracks will form and the seams will show. Finally, add the starfish details! You can use the round end of a pin and the end of paint brushes to make decorations on your starfish.



3. Sand dollars were made using a circle cutter and decorated using the pinhead. In addition, you can also use a butter knife to decorate the edges. The coral was made free hand.

BAKING SODA DOUGH SEA ART BAKING

1. When it's time to bake, place the shapes onto a Silpat or parchment paper and bake at 175°F for 45 minutes to 1 hour.



2. Place newspaper or some type of covering on the work surface. Now, get creative and start painting! Let the paint dry and seal with a clear acrylic spray. Stop here and use the shapes as is or continue on to make a mounting background.



3. Optional - Once dry, glue the starfish on the background and place into a frame.

Notes

There may be some small cracking in the dough when baked. You can see a few cracks in my baked starfish, but nothing too major. Make sure the dough is completely dried before painting and sealing.