

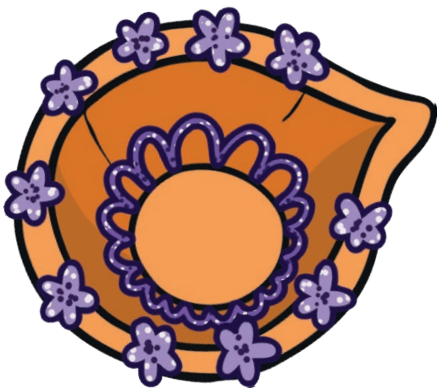
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# Salt Dough Diwali Diya Lamp

## You will need:

- 500g plain flour
- 250g table salt
- 250ml warm water
- Large bowl
- Brightly coloured paints
- Paintbrushes
- Decorative items, such as sequins and glitter (optional)
- White glue (if using decorations)
- Oven (if not air-drying)
- LED tea light (one per diya)



**Makes approx.  
8 diya lamps.**

## Instructions

1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl.
2. Slowly, add the water, mixing continuously.
3. Once the mixture is completely combined, turn it out onto a lightly floured surface.
4. Knead the dough for 5 to 10 minutes until it is completely smooth and elastic.
5. Split the dough into 8 equal balls.
6. Flatten each ball slightly with the palm of your hand. Then, use your thumb to create an indentation in the middle of each ball – this needs to be big enough for a tea light.
7. Gently, pinch one end of the lamp into a slight point.
8. The lamps will need to dry completely before being decorated. If using an oven, bake at 100°C for 2 to 3 hours. You may want to turn them over halfway through to get an even bake. If air-drying, leave them in a dry place for 2 to 3 days. These timings are approximate, depending on how thick the lamps are.
9. Once completely dry, paint the lamps any way you like. You could add patterns to make them really stand out!
10. If you want to decorate them further, wait for the paint to completely dry then cover the lamp with white glue. Add your decorations, such as sequins and glitter
11. Place an LED tea light in your diya and display it in time for Diwali!