

# 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 ½ 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.*

