



Salt Dough



Iris and her mom mixed together:

2 cups flour

½ cup salt

They added ¾ cups water. The dough was a little stiff, so they added water little by little with a teaspoon until the dough felt just right – not too soft, not too stiff. *If you have a cut on your hands, the salt will sting. Wear a bandaid or plastic gloves.*

Mom reminded Iris, “Salt dough things are not to keep, just to have for a little while.”

That was fine with Iris. She did not want to make things to keep. She wanted to feel the nice soft dough in her hands. Iris made lots of things and squished them up again.



When Iris was ready to stop, she put the dough in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. Mom said it should last about a month.



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Questions

- Why do you think Iris was in the mood to squish things?
- Do you think she felt good making things?
- What are some things that you make but don't keep for very long? (Lego creations, cookies, block towers, etc.)
- When is making something more fun than keeping what you made?
- When do you really want to keep something that you made?

Not all art is made to last

In India, people make pictures with flower petals for festivals such as Diwali.



The artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude made many amazing pieces of art that were temporary.

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