



WORKSHOP SALT DOUGH MAGNETS

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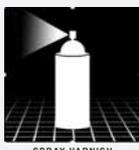
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These homemade magnets are a useful and fun way to accessorise your fridge or message boards. From making the salt dough to the final transformation, this workshop is easy! But be careful when you assemble the different parts of the animal and you bake it.

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- > Ordinary wheat flour
- > Table salt
- > Water
- > 1 mixing bowl
- > 1 spoon
- > Carving tool (or knife)
- > 1 brush
- > Wood toothpicks
- > Magnets
- > 1 pencil



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Prepare the salt dough:

- 1 glass of table salt
- 2 glasses of flour
- 3/4 or 1 glass of warm water

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In a mixing bowl, stir with the flour and salt together, then add water and shape a ball.

Knead until the mixture is elastic and smooth like modelling clay. If the mixture is too sticky, add the same proportion of flour and salt.

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To make the caterpillar, roll dough into balls as shown on the example. Link the big balls (being the caterpillar's body) with pieces of toothpicks.



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Artist tips:

We suggest varnishing the salt dough magnets in order to preserve the colours over time (always use aerosol, not glycerol, varnish on POSCAs). In fact, salt attracts humidity which can damage the dough elements unless they have been protected.

POSCAS USED IN THIS WORKSHOP:

Ladybird:

> TIP PCF-350
red, black, gold, white

Turtle

> TIP PCF-350
black, gold, white, dark green

> TIP PC-5M
apple green

Caterpillar

> TIP PCF-350
black, white, gold, silver, red,
dark green, dark blue, light
blue, pink

> TIP PC-5M
apple green, light orange,
lilac

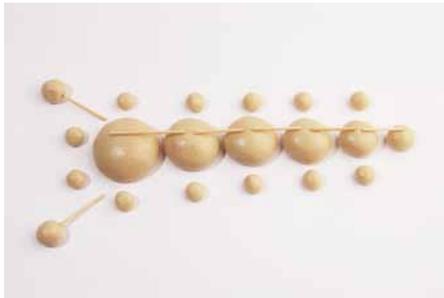
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Under the caterpillar make a cut in three balls to place a magnet in each one.

Turn over the body and, using a brush, moisten with water and a carving tool, stick little balls to make the legs and eyes.

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For the caterpillar's antenna, fix two toothpicks on the head, with two small balls on top of each one.

To make the ladybird or turtle follow the same method.

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Allow to dry for about twelve hours. Then bake the mixture at low temperature (200°F max) on a baking tray covered with greaseproof paper.

The baking time depends on the size of animals; therefore you have to monitor the salt dough magnets regularly and remove them from the oven as soon as they are hard.

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Once they are cold, decorate them with a pencil and colour them using POSCAs.

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Remark: Some pigments can produce a crackle effect when in contact with salt, which gives an original touch to your salt dough magnets and does not affect their longevity.