

## Salt Dough Handprints Candle Holder



What you need:

- salt dough or air-dry clay
- craft paints
- paint brush
- tea candles (you can also get battery ones)
- Optional: gemstones or other embellishments

If making salt dough, start by making a batch. Skip this part if you are using air dry clay.

To make your salt dough you will need the following ingredients:

- flour (1 cup)
- salt (1/2 cup)
- water – lukewarm (1/4 to 1/2 cup – start with 1/4 and add more if needed)
- bowl
- baking paper

Start by mixing flour and salt in a larger bowl.



Next slowly add water, mix or knead as you are adding water.

Knead the dough for roughly 10 minutes – it has to have an even consistency. It shouldn't be sticky!



Now that you have your dough or air dry clay – shape it with your fingers. The shape has to be large enough to accommodate a child’s hand.

Press the hand on the dough or air dry clay firmly, to leave a handprint.



Depending on the age of children and type of candle this step might not be done by them independently. Press down the candle in the dough / clay in the centre of the palm print. Wiggle it around a bit, as the dough will shrink as it dries so the candle holder hole will shrink a bit.

Bake the dough or let it clay air dry.

Once dry, let the kids paint their handprints. Let the paint dry.



Place the candle in its designated spot