

Cinnamon Gingerbread Ornament



These simple, no-bake, cinnamon-smelling ornaments make your classroom smell delicious! The dough is child-friendly, and can be made into various shapes that will keep their aroma for many years to come. This is a great take-home, child-created gift idea that incorporates math measurement and fine motor skills.

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No-Bake Cinnamon Applesauce Dough Ornaments



Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups ground cinnamon
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1/3 cup white school glue (Elmer's or other brand)
- Wax Paper
- Straw
- Ribbon to hang the ornaments

Mix cinnamon, applesauce, and glue together. The mixture should have the consistency of cookie dough.

Knead dough for a few minutes. If it seems hard, add a tiny bit of water.

Roll out to 1/8 or 1/4 inch thick on wax paper. (You can dust your hands and rolling pin with cinnamon if the dough is sticky.)

Use cookie cutters to cut out the dough into shapes.

Use a straw to make a hole so you can thread a ribbon or string through it (for hanging) when dry.

It takes 4 or 5 days for the ornaments to air dry. Turn them over often so they will dry evenly and won't curl. (If you need them to dry quickly, you can put them in the oven at 170 degrees for about 30 minutes, but the time will vary depending on the thickness.)

Once they are dry, students can outline each shape with puffy or acrylic paint.

The ornament's delicious smell will last for years, but remember to remind kids that they are *decorations* – they won't be very tasty if they try to eat them. ☺

If using a small cookie cutter, the recipe will make between 10-15 ornaments.