

EARTH DAY NECKLACE

YOU'LL NEED:

1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 cup iodized salt (table salt)
1/2 cup water
circular cookie cutter
round metal icing tip
blue and yellow acrylic paints
paint brush
satin ribbon or heavy string like Paracord
necklace fastener set (optional)
assorted craft beads
super glue



Begin by making a batch of basic salt dough. Sift together the flour and salt in a medium sized bowl. Slowly pour in the water into the flour and salt. Stir the ingredients together until a dough forms. Adding the water by tablespoon scoops will allow you to have the most control over the amount of water you add. You may need less or more water. You know your dough is ready when it forms a ball and isn't sticky.

Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface, to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut out circles with the cookie cutter. We used a 1 1/4" cookie cutter for our Earth's. Choose a size that you like.

Use the narrow end of the metal icing tip to cut out the hole for the ribbon. If you don't have a round metal icing tip, you can use a straw, or even a toothpick. Make sure your ribbon or string fits through the hole.

Bake the pendants on a parchment paper lined baking sheet in a 250°F oven for 2 hours. They will become dry and hard.

Remove the pendants from oven and let cool completely before painting.

When the paint has dried, feed the ribbon through the hole in the top of each pendant. Use the beads to secure the pendant in place.

Finally, tie the jewelry loop and clasp (optional) to the ends of the ribbon. Be sure to check the length of the necklace before you tie the fasteners in place. We secured the knot with a small dot of super glue.