



Inspiring Makers

Meet Tatyanna from The Busy Finch

Tatyanna Meharry is a ceramicist who works from her home studio in Ōtautahi Christchurch. Her work is found in galleries and stores throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Tatyanna's colourful ceramic ice creams and ice blocks are amongst some of her most popular work. The ceramic treats have made various appearances at the Arts Centre Māketē, the latest were cute mini ceramic ice block necklaces.

We have been inspired by Tatyanna's mahi to create our own sweet treats from salt dough.

Visit www.thebusyfinch.co.nz to find out more about Tatyanna's work and where you can purchase her ceramics.



Salt dough: ice creams and ice blocks



EQUIPMENT YOU WILL NEED:

- 1/2 cup of salt
- 1 cup of plain flour (wholemeal is fine but self raising flour will not work)
- 1/2 cup of water
- Baking paper & baking tray
- Mixing bowl
- Teaspoon, tablespoon & blunt knife
- Paints and paint brush
- PVA glue or super glue
- Eco glitter and small beads (optional)
- Ice block stick (optional)

STEP 1:

Preheat the oven to 120°C and line a baking tray with baking paper.

STEP 2:

Mix together the salt, flour and water in a bowl. If the dough is sticky add a teaspoon of extra flour one at a time until the dough forms a ball when stirred.

STEP 3:

Roll about three tablespoons of the dough in your hands to make a cone shape and then make the round ice cream scoops - add as many as you like!

FUN FACT: the Reo Māori kupu (word) for ice cream is aihikirīmi.



STEP 4:

Use a blunt knife to make a waffle pattern on the ice cream cone.



STEP 5:

For the ice block, we shaped the block before using the knife to make an insert for an ice block stick to be added later.



STEP 6:

Arrange your salt dough creations on the baking paper/tray and cook for 2.5 hours. Allow to cool completely.



STEP 7:

Once cooled, paint each piece.



STEP 8:

Use PVA glue to add glitter and bead sprinkles.



STEP 9:

Once dry, use PVA or super glue to assemble your ice cream and to add a stick to your ice block.



STEP 10: Mīharo mahi, excellent work!

You could play around to create different foods from different materials. We made hot dogs and donuts from air dry clay. Younger tamariki might enjoy using playdough too.

We would love to see photos of your salt dough foods or anything else Tatyanna from The Busy Finch has inspired you to make. Tag us in your posts [@artscentremakete](#) and use the [#inspiringmakers](#)

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