

Making a Coil Pot with Salt Dough Clay

What you'll need:

- 4 cups flour
- 1.5 cups water
- 1 cup table salt
- A fork
- A small bowl of water
- Measuring cups
- One large bowl
- Spatula/whisk
- Parchment paper
- Baking tray
- Oven mitt
- An adult!

Steps:

1. Preheat your oven to 275 degrees.
2. Line a baking tray with parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, mix the three ingredients together until the dough is too stiff to stir. Then, knead the dough with clean hands for 3-5 minutes.
4. Coil pot time!
 - a. The first step in making the coil pot is breaking off about a hand full of clay. Next, shape this chunk of clay into an oval/pickle shape. Then begin to create your coil by rolling the lump out. Place the pads of both of your hands at the center of the oval, and slowly begin rolling the clay out. For best coil results, move both hands with the same slow and steady speed. As you roll, slowly move your hands outward so as to lengthen the coil. In the end, your coil should be a little less than an inch in radius.

- b. Throughout the process of making this coil pot, you will need to connect the clay to itself. In order to make sure the clay adheres to itself, the clay must be **scored**. Scoring is when you take a fork or another pointed object and make marks on the parts of the two pieces of clay you wish to connect. Before connecting, you must add a tiny bit of water to the newly scored areas. Then, connect your scored pieces!
- c. Once you have made a coil and know how to score, it is time to make the base. Take the coil you have just made and begin rolling it up in a spiral like a snail shell. Use the scoring technique you just learned to make sure your base is secure!
- d. In order to make the sides of your coil pot, you will need a few more coils. Repeat the process you did in part a. to make your coils. Once you have a coil made, score the bottom and connect it to the top of your base. Then, begin to coil it around the base and upward. Again, use scoring to make sure it adheres.
- e. Depending on how tall you want your coil pot to be, add more coils for more height. When your pot is as tall as you want it to be, make sure it is all connected. If you come upon any loose parts, score them again.

5. Place your creation onto your baking tray and put it in the oven.

6. Bake your creation for 2 hours.

7. Ta-da! Your coil pot is done!