

## Salt Dough Basket

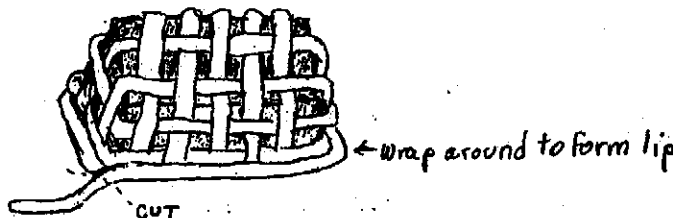
**Materials:** salt dough (one recipe makes 2 baskets)  
cardboard box (cereal, etc.)  
waxed paper  
rolling pin  
ruler  
knife (optional)  
varnish or fixative

**Salt Dough Recipe:** Mix in bowl: 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt  
Slowly add 1 cup water and mix well  
Knead dough 5-7 min. until it's not sticky to touch.  
Keep in sealed baggie or bowl up to 5 days.

### **Method:**

1. Prepare dough and have it ready.
2. Lie cardboard box flat and place 2 sheets of waxed paper over it, overlapping to cover all sides but the bottom.
3. Flour your work surface and roll out dough  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick.
4. Cut  $\frac{3}{4}$ " strips out of your dough with a knife or ruler edge.
5. Lay several strips across the width and hanging down the sides of the papered box, and touching the work surface.
6. Lay 2-3 strips lengthwise, weaving them through the widthwise strips.
7. Weave 2 strips completely around the sides.

NOTE: Wet the dough lightly when 2 strips cross or meet to make them bond together, then press the seal gently. Splice strips that are too short together the same way.



8. Trim off strip ends that lap onto the work surface.
9. Make a rope of dough long enough to wrap around the box to form the basket's lip.
10. Let dry at room temperature for 3 days.
11. Varnish or spray with artist's fixative to seal dough (which will preserve it for many years).

