

Adam Names the Animals

Ornament Instructions

This is a fun project to do with kids of all ages. Use your best judgment for when to offer hands-on help.

Print out the 'Adam Names the Animals' templates & cut each one. I used regular weight paper, but card stock would be sturdier and last longer. Also, small scissors with sharp points worked best for cutting tight spots.

2 cups flour (more as needed, see below)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt

1 cup water

Mix well, and add more flour as needed until it is the consistency of sugar cookie/pie crust dough.

Roll out on floured waxed paper about the thickness you'd do for sugar cookies.

Place one of the cut 'Adam Names the Animals' templates on the dough. Carefully cut around the figure with a sharp knife. Use a straw or chopstick to make a hole large enough to put a string through. Use a spatula to carefully transfer from the waxed paper to a parchment paper lined cookie sheet. Continue this process until desired amount of ornaments is reached. This recipe makes the eight figures with some dough left over. **Bake in oven at 250 deg. for two hours. Turn off oven and leave in overnight.**

Now for the fun part - **painting them!** I painted mine similar to the figures in the book, but let loose with your imagination. A purple pig with yellow polka-dots? Go for it! I used craft acrylics and they worked great. Use a bristle paint brush to brush powdery flour off the figures. After the figures have dried, coat with an acrylic medium to give them a nice sheen and longevity. I used Liquitex Gloss Medium & Varnish. Thread string/ribbon through the holes for hanging your ornaments. I used my figures to make a wall hanging. I found a nice sized tree branch (you could also use craft dowels) and painted it. I strung the ornaments onto the branch, varying the length and added a bead at the tie point for extra decoration. I tied a long string to both ends of the stick so I could hang it.

If you want to see my process, visit our Adam Names the Animals Facebook Page at:

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Happy crafting! *Mary Hendricks Kelly*

