

STARFISH SAVED



You're never too young to make a difference, just like the boy who threw the starfish back in the ocean. Make a difference like it says in Matthew 5:13.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Sculpting Dough (see attachment)
- Masking Tape
- Scissors
- Paint Brushes
- Toothpicks
- Cardboard
- Paint
- Small Wooden Dowel
- Pencil
- Paint Trowel or Knife



DIRECTIONS:



1. Cut a starfish shape out of the cardboard. (See template*) Cut out another 3-4 stars, with each star being about 1" smaller than the previous one.



2. Stack the stars on top of each other and end with a few small pieces of cardboard in the center.



3. Wrap the stars together with masking tape.



4. Use crumpled newspaper to fill out the shape and wrap it all tightly with more masking tape.



5. Knead a small piece of sculpting dough in your hands (see the attachment for the dough recipe). Spread dough over the entire surface of the star.



6. Make some small pea-sized balls of dough. Put two rows of balls down the center of each ray. Flatten them in the middle with the dowel. Make small indentations between the rays and over the surface with a paint trowel to add texture.



7. To make a small starfish, take a piece of the dough and roll it into a 2" ball.



8. Begin to work it into a star shape by pulling 5 points out of the ball.



9. When the shape is finished, decorate the surface as shown using a toothpick. Let it dry.



10. You can also combine 5 small pieces of dough to make a starfish with more elongated rays.



11. Paint all the starfish you have made. Let dry.



12. Touch up raised portions with white paint using a dry brush. Your beautiful creation is ready!

SCULPTING DOUGH RECIPE (PAPIER-MACHE)



YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 Cup School Glue
- Soft Toilet Paper
- 1 Tablespoon Liquid Soap
- 2 Tablespoons Vegetable Oil
- ¼ Cup Cornstarch
- ½ Cup Flour
- Measuring Cups
- Measuring Spoons
- Disposable Gloves
- Plastic Bag
- Bowl



DIRECTIONS:

1. Make a stack of about 50-60 squares of soft toilet paper.
2. Pour school glue into the bowl. Gradually mix in a piece of toilet paper with a gloved hand. Continue adding paper until the mixture begins to lose its stickiness.
3. Add vegetable oil and liquid soap to the dough. Stir well again.
4. Add half of the flour and cornstarch. Stir well. If the dough is thin, add more flour and cornstarch. You should end up with a dough that does not stick to your hands.
5. Keep the dough moist by keeping it in a plastic bag. Store leftover dough in the refrigerator.



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