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Dalarna Horse

Ever since Horses have been domesticated they are seen as a strong and valuable animals. They are capable of carrying and hauling large and heavy items, which are a reason the people of Sweden respect and admire horses. In the 15th century citizens of the Dalarna region of Sweden began carving horses out of wood as children toys. Originally the horses were not painted or decorated It was not until the 1939 Worlds Fair in New York that the “Dala Horse” became the symbol that represents Sweden.

In this activity the student will learn to make salt clay. It is simple and inexpensive, do-it-yourself, clay that can be used for various crafts. For this activity the student will be making and decorating their own Dala Horse.



Materials

- Flour
- Salt
- Water
- Paints

Clay Recipe:

2 cups All-Purpose Flour

1 cup Salt

1 cup Water

- 1) In a large bowl mix water and salt until dissolved
- 2) Slowly mix in flour until a soft dough forms

Once you have made your dough its time to form you Dala Horse



Dala Horse:

- 1) Flatten out dough to ½ inch thick
- 2) Shape out a dala horse
- 3) Remove the excess dough
- 4) Paint your horse
- 5) Bake at 250 degrees for 1-2 hours OR let air dry overnight

*Challenge: Make a 3D statue of a Dalarma Horse using Salt Clay

