

#VIRTUALHUNTER ART ACTIVITIES

Cozy Ornaments

MATERIALS

- 3/4 cup applesauce
- 2 bottles (2.37 oz. each) ground cinnamon
- Plastic wrap
- Cookie cutters
- Drinking straw
- Colorful ribbon or string

VOCABULARY

Nostalgia

a sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations

Often, the sounds, sights, and smells of familiar activities spark the feeling of nostalgia. Holiday traditions are especially good at this. This activity could be a new favorite tradition for you. The cinnamon scent of these ornaments might remind you of Christmases past or a cozy cabin on a snowy day like in these paintings.



Winfield Scott Clime (1881 - 1958), Farm in the Mountains, undated. Oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Bentley, Sr.



Hal Robinson (1875 - 1933), Stream in Winter - Old Lyme, undated. Oil on canvas. Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Bentley, Sr.

Let the feeling of nostalgia inspire you as you follow the instructions below. These ornaments be stored and reused year after year. **Note:** *These ornaments are for decoration only. They are not edible.*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 200° F.
2. Mix the applesauce and cinnamon in a small bowl until a smooth ball of dough is formed. You may need to use your hands to incorporate all of the cinnamon.
3. Using about 1/4 of the dough at a time, roll dough to 1/4-inch to 1/3-inch thickness between two sheets of plastic wrap. Peel off the top sheet of plastic wrap.
4. Cut the dough into shapes with 2 to 3-inch cookie cutters. Make a hole at the top of the ornament with drinking straw or skewer.
5. Place the ornaments on a baking sheet. Bake for 2 1/2 hours. When they're finished baking, place the ornaments on a wire rack to cool.
6. Insert the ribbon through holes and tie to hang. You can decorate them with opaque paint markers if desired.

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