

## **Clay Ornament Instructions**

1. Gently knead the clay for 1-2 minutes. The warmth from your hands will help to soften it and make it easier to work with.



2. Place parchment paper or wax paper under the clay to avoid getting it stuck to your surface. Flatten the ball into a slab  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  in. thick. Use a drinking glass or an even sided jar as a rolling pin.



3. Place the stencil on top of the slab, use a plastic knife to cut around the stencil's edges (holding the stencil steady with one hand).



4. Use a pencil to make a hole towards the top of the shape. This is necessary for threading string or ribbon through in order to hang your ornament.



5. Repeat steps 1 & 2 with the remaining clay to make multiple ornaments.



6. Decorate! While the clay is still damp, use bottle caps, shells or other textured objects to stamp designs into your ornament.



7. Let your ornament(s) dry for at least 24 hours or until firm.
8. Add additional decorations onto the dry ornament. Paint directly onto the surface or glue other items onto it.

