Super Easy Homemade Cinnamon Ornaments

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This step-by-step tutorial how super easy it is to make cinnamon ornaments for your Christmas tree at home. They smell amazing and look beautiful!

Prep Time	Active Time	Drying Time	Total Time
10 mins	1 hr	2 hrs 30 mins	3 hrs 40 mins

Course: Craft Cuisine: General Yield: 20 medium ornaments Author: Cassie Johnston
Cost: $10

Equipment

- Mixing bowl
- Drinking straw
- Plastic wrap
- Rolling Pin
- Baking racks and baking sheets
- Cookie cutters
- Sandpaper
- Oven, food dehydrator, or just a spot out-of-the-way (for drying)
- Glitter, puffy paints, rhinestones, etc. for decorating, optional
- Ribbon or hooks for hanging

Materials

- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1 ½ cup ground cinnamon look for the cheap, off-brand stuff, you aren't gonna eat it
- 2 tablespoons craft glue optional (I think this makes the ornaments a bit more sturdy, but you can do without it)

Instructions

1. Mix the applesauce, cinnamon, and glue in a mixing bowl. You'll probably need to stir with your hands, as a spoon won't get the job gone. Add more applesauce or cinnamon if needed - you want the dough to be a touch dry, but it still needs to hold together when you roll it out. When the dough can be formed into a ball, you are done mixing. Wash your hands.
2. Place ⅓ of the dough between two sheets of plastic wrap, and use the rolling pin to roll the dough to ¼" - ⅓" thick.
3. Remove the top layer of plastic wrap and use cookie cutters to cut out ornaments. Repeat with the remaining dough.
4. Use the straw to poke holes for hanging in each ornament.

There are three methods that work for drying the ornaments:

Baking:

1. Pop the ornaments on a baking rack on top of a baking sheet in a 200°F oven for about 2½ hours until the ornaments are dry and hard. This is the fastest method, but it also results in a little bit of curling and bubbling.

Food Dehydrator:

1. Place the ornaments on the racks of a food dehydrator, and dry at the highest setting for about 6 hours.

Air Dry:

1. You can easily just put these ornaments on baking racks and dry them in an out-of-the-way place. This method takes a few days, and obviously works best in dry climates (I wouldn't try this method at the beach house in Florida).

To Finish:

1. When the ornaments are completely dry and cooled, buff the edges with fine-grit sandpaper (optional). Decorate however you'd like, then string the ornaments on a ribbon. Write the year on the back with a Sharpie.

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