

SPICE ORNAMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS
FROM DOROTHY MATSCHEK'S CLASSROOM
THIS MAKES ABOUT 12 SMALL OR 6 LARGE ORNAMENTS

MIX TOGETHER:

1/2 CUP GROUND CINNAMON
3 T GROUND ALLSPICE
3 T GROUND CLOVES
2 T GROUND NUTMEG
1 CUP APPLESAUCE

THIS MAKES A THICK "MUD PIE" LOOKING DOUGH. ROLL OR PAT DOUGH AT LEAST 1/4 INCH THICK. (IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE THE DOUGH THICK OR IT WILL CRUMBLE WHEN YOU TRY TO LIFT THE DRIED ORNAMENTS) CUT OUT WITH CHRISTMAS CUTTERS. REMOVE THE EXCESS DOUGH. MAKE A HOLE SO YOU CAN HANG EACH ORNAMENT. LET DRY FOR SEVERAL DAYS, TURNING AS IS APPROPRIATE.

IN ROLLING OUT THE DOUGH, AT SCHOOL EACH CHILD MAKES THEIR ORNAMENT ON AN INDIVIDUAL MARGARINE TUB LID. AT HOME, WE PLACE A SMALL AMOUNT OF DOUGH ON A TEFLON COOKIE SHEET, CUT OUT THE ORNAMENT, REMOVE THE EXCESS, AND REPEAT AGAIN WITH ANOTHER SMALL AMOUNT OF DOUGH.

THESE ORNAMENTS ADD A WONDERFUL CHRISTMASY SMELL TO THE HOUSE AND ARE ATTRACTIVE AS WELL. YOU CAN PAINT THE FRONT TO MAKE THEM EVEN MORE ATTRACTIVE IF YOU CHOOSE.

POTPOURRI TO FRESHEN THE MICROWAVE OVEN
FROM DOROTHY MATSCHEK

TO REFRESH THE INTERIOR OF THE MICROWAVE, AND MAKE THE WHOLE KITCHEN SMELL HEAVENLY, HERE IS A "SECRET FORMULA:"

IN A ONE-QUART, MICROWAVE-SAFE MEASURE COMBINE ONE CUP WARM WATER AND 2 TEASPOONS PUMPKIN-PIE SPICE. HEAT TO BOILING ON HIGH. BOIL 3 MINUTES.