



# culinary MAGIC

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## FRAGRANCE STONES

### INGREDIENTS

1-1/2 cups flour  
1/4 cup salt  
1/4 tsp cornflour  
2/3 cup boiling water  
1 tbsp fragrance oil  
Any natural food colouring

### METHOD

Mix all dry ingredients thoroughly.  
Boil the water and measure out 2/3 of a cup. Add the fragrance oil and colour to the water. Stir into flour mixture. Mix as best you can with a butter knife or spatula and then knead the dough with your hands. At this point you just want it to look like pie or cookie dough. Roll out the dough to just under a centimetre thick. Cut into shapes or use cookie cutters. Let the dough stones dry. They get hard as rocks and will last for months. Drop a few into your clothing drawers to discourage silverfish and other pests - and give your clothes a faint hint of fragrance.

## SHERBET

### INGREDIENTS

5 tsp pure icing sugar  
1 tsp citric acid crystals  
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda

Make sure that all of your equipment – mixing bowl, spoons – are completely dry.  
Mix all ingredients thoroughly and then grind together in a mortar and pestle to powder the citric acid crystals.  
That's it - you're done. Easy, right?

### to SERVE

Eat the powder with a small teaspoon if you're feeling brave, or by dipping something in it. Chupa-Chups and liquorice laces are highly recommended.

### TIPS

To flavour the sherbet (without having to eat it off a Chupa-Chup) try mixing some jelly crystals in with the other ingredients.