

NEW ZEALAND

MAUI'S FISH HOOK



In English, the names for the two main islands in New Zealand are the North Island and the South Island. Pretty boring, right?! In Māori, the name of the South Island is **Te Waipounamu** (the waters of greenstone) and the North Island is **Te Ika a Maui** (the fish of Maui).

If you turn a map of New Zealand upside down, you can see how the North Island looks a bit like a fish – or a stingray!

According to the legend, Maui caught Te Ika a Maui with his magic fish hook. If you want to learn more of the legend, I highly recommend you read Peter Gossage's book, **The Fish of Maui**.

from the Maui legend...

The brothers laughed when Māui pulled his fishing line from his bag.

"Huh, you'll be lucky to catch a piece of seaweed with that!"

The brothers couldn't contain their laughter. Māui didn't listen, instead he recited his karakia and readied his line.

Māui stood at the front of the canoe and whirled his line above his head. He spun his line out to sea, the line sunk deep to the ocean floor, down into the depths of the domain of Tangaroa, and instantly the hook was taken. Māui's line went suddenly taut. The brothers stopped their laughing and held tightly to the side of the waka as they began to speed across the ocean.

YOU WILL NEED

- a copy of Maui's Fish Hook template
- one batch of salt dough
- baking paper
- clay moulding tools (optional)
- gardener's twine
- scissors
- mod podge or similar sealant



METHOD

1. Print out the Maui's Fish Hook template
2. Let the creating begin! Using the salt dough, start moulding your fish hook. The fish hook template that we've provided you with is a really great guide if you're not sure where to start, otherwise, let your creativity run away with you!
3. Using the instructions on our Salt Dough recipe printable, bake your salt dough to set it. Once set, remove from the oven and allow to cool.
4. While you are waiting for your fish hook to bake, take 3 x 1m lengths of gardeners twine, tie a knot in one end and plait the gardeners twine.
5. Once your Fish Hook is cool you can choose whether or not you want to seal it. If you do want to, then now is the time. Follow the instructions on the sealant you are using.
6. Finally, time to tie the plaited twine onto your fish hook. Depending on what your fish hook looks like, wind the twine around the handle of the fish hook and secure.
7. All done! You now have a fish hook just like the one Maui used to catch Te Ika-a-Maui!!



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TEMPLATE FOR THE MAUI FISH HOOK CRAFT

