

Homemade Play Dough

The Craft

We will mix flour, salt, water, oil and a bit of food coloring to make dough.

Materials

- Flour – ¼ cup plus extra for dusting work surface while kneading
- Salt – 2 Tablespoons
- Oil – vegetable – 1 Tablespoon
- Food coloring – colors you like
- Water – warm as you can get it from the tap – ¼ cup or so***
- 2 bowls
- Spoon to mix with
- Measuring spoons
- Cutting board or other work surface that you can put flour on

Steps

1. In one of the bowls measure ¼ cup flour (4 tablespoons) and 2 Tablespoons of salt. Mix together. Set aside.
2. In the other bowl measure 3 Tablespoons very warm water (you may have to add more as you mix).
3. Add 1 Tablespoon oil and 4 to 5 drops or more of food coloring. The amount of food coloring depends on how dark you want the color to be. Mix together.
4. Add 1 to 2 Tablespoons of the flour/salt mixture to the water/oil/food coloring mixture. Stir together; add the rest of the flour/salt mixture to the bowl. Mix together well. If the mixture is too dry, add a bit more

water, and if the mixture is a too wet add a bit more flour.

5. When the mixture comes together, turn out onto a floured board.
6. Get a little bit of flour on your hands and start to knead the dough. Fold the dough over onto itself. Repeat kneading and folding it over on itself until the dough is smooth and not sticky. Dust the board with more flour if dough is sticky. This will add more flour to the mixture slowly.
7. When it feels smooth and mixed well you can now play with it.
8. Store the dough in a sealable plastic bag or an air tight container.

*** Warm water will help the salt dissolve better so your play dough will not be grainy