



Preschool Recipes



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Gunk

What You Need:

One Part Cornstarch
One Part Water

What You Do:

- Mix and color with food color or Tempera paint.

Blubber

What You Need:

One-cup water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup glue
Two Cups Borax

What You Do

- Mix $\frac{1}{2}$ -cup water with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup glue
- In a separate container, mix $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water with the Borax (in the laundry detergent aisle).
- Now, stir the Borax mixture while slowly adding the glue mixture.
- It should immediately come together to make blubber If it isn't quite right try adding more of the Borax and water.

Flubber

What You Need:

Two cups Glue
Food Coloring
Four tablespoons Borax
Warm water

What You Do

- In one bowl mix in 1 1/2 cups of warm water, Glue, and food coloring.
- In a separate bowl mix in Borax with 1 1/3 cup of warm water.
- Pour the glue mixture into the borax mixture. Do not mix or stir it will form on its own.
- Store in plastic baggies.

Blubberish Goop

What You Need:

Two cups water 1/2-cup cornstarch Food coloring

What You Do:

- Boil water in saucepan add cornstarch stirring until smooth.
- Add food coloring and stir.
- Remove from heat and cool.
- Make sure your children play with this on a flat plastic like surface (table, linoleum floor, etc).

Goop

What You Need:

One part Liquid starch
Two parts white glue
Food coloring

What You Do:

- Add starch to glue until mixture becomes a workable ball.
- Store in refrigerator in a covered container.

Slime

What You Need:

One box Ivory Soap flakes
Gallon Water

What You Do:

- Beat together with a mixer. Makes about 5 gallons

Homemade Silly Putty

What You Need:

Two parts white glue
One part liquid starch

What You Do:

- Mix ingredients and let dry until workable (like silly putty is supposed to be).
- Add more glue or starch if necessary. Store in airtight container.

Silly Putty

What You Need:

Two Cups glue
One Cup liquid starch

What You Do:

- Mix the ingredients and stir well.
- If the mixture sticks to your fingers, add more liquid starch. If it is not sticking to itself, add more glue.
- Store in an airtight container in the fridge.
- If you want the mixture to get tougher and thicker, let it dry out a bit in the air.
- This recipe can be tricky, as with life Practice Makes Perfect

Note: To get silly putty out of fabrics try using vinegar

Whipped Snow

What You Need:

Two cups warm water One-cup laundry soap

What You Do:

- Put water and soap in large bowl and beat with mixer until very fluffy.
- Let Your children mold it into shapes and then let them dry.

Gelatin Plastic

What You Need:

Three envelopes unflavored gelatin
Nine tablespoons water
35 drops of food coloring
Lid with a rim

What You Do

- Mix the water and food coloring in a small pan over low heat.
- Add gelatin, stir continuously, and cook for 30 seconds until thickened.
- Pour the mixture into a plastic lid, push the air bubbles to the edge with a spoon and set aside for about fifty minutes until flexible.
- Remove the gelatin from the lid. You can then use cookie cutters, or scissors to shape it.
- Finally dry the plastic by placing it between two pieces of wax paper (sticking out beyond the gelatin).
- Then putting the lid used at the beginning over the creation, and a book on top of that (this prevents the creation from curling)

Thus substance is idea for making Christmas tree ornaments or other crafts

BUBBLES

Simple Bubbles

What You Need:

One cup of water
Two tablespoons liquid detergent
One Tablespoons glycerin (available at drug stores)
1/2 tablespoon sugar

What You Do:

Mix together and use.

Giant Bubbles

What You Need:

Six cups water
3/4 cup corn syrup
Two cups dishwashing liquid

What You Do:

- Mix together and let sit 4 hours before using.

EZ Bubbles

What You Need:

1/2 C. Water 1/2 C. Liquid Detergent One Tablespoon Cooking Oil

What You Do:

- Mix together and use.

Colorful Bubbles

What You Need:

One cup granulated soap or soap powder
One quart warm water
liquid food coloring

What You Do: Dissolve soap in warm water. Stir in food coloring. Use.

Gargantuan Bubbles

What You Need:

One Cup Warm Water
1/4 Cup Blue Dishwashing Liquid
One Tablespoon Salt

What You Do: Combine all ingredients. Mix well until salt dissolves. Use.

CHALK RECIPES

Sidewalk Chalk

What You Need:

Two cups water
Two cups plaster of Paris (do not discard in sink!!)
Two tablespoons wet or dry tempera paint
Toilet paper tubes
Duct tape

What You Do:

- Use duct tape to cover one end of each toilet paper tube.
- Mix all ingredients and set aside for 5 minutes.
- Line a cookie sheet with wax paper or foil.
- Place tubes upright (open end up) on cookie sheet.
- Tape the tubes upright onto the wax paper or foil to make it steadier.
- Pour mixture into holders. Let sit until chalk mixture is almost firm.
- Rip off the toilet paper tubes and let the sidewalk chalk dry for about 2 more hours.

Eggshell Sidewalk Chalk

What You Need:

45 eggshells
One-teaspoon flour
One-teaspoon hot tap water
Food coloring

What You Do:

- Wash and dry eggshells, put in a bowl and grind into powder.
- Mix flour, hot water, food coloring, and 1 tablespoon of the eggshell powder in another bowl. Mix until mixture looks like paste.

- Shape the chalk and then roll it tightly in a paper towel and allow to dry for about three days.

COOKED CLAY RECIPES

Craft Clay

What You Need:

One cup cornstarch
 One One-Fourth cups cold water
 Two cups baking soda
 Food coloring

What You Do:

- Mix all ingredients over medium heat for four to five minutes until the mixture is thick (like mashed potatoes).
- Remove from heat, empty container and cover with a damp cloth until cool.
- Knead like dough until you get a nice clay look and feel. Store in airtight container.

Sand Clay

What You Need:

One cup clean sand
 1/2 cup cornstarch
 1/2 tsp. alum (find in spice section of your grocery store)
 1/2 cup water

What You Do:

- Pour the sand into an old cooking pot.
- Add cornstarch, water and alum.
- Stir. Place on stove and cook at medium heat. Stir constantly. As it gets warm it begins to liquefy.
- In about 25 minutes it will get thicker as it stiffens and clumps like stiff cookie dough, remove from the heat and keep stirring for a few more seconds as it cools down.
- Spread it on a cutting board and let it cool further.
- When comfortable to touch begin creating.

Cookie Clay

What You Need:

Two cups salt Two/Three cups water One cup cornstarch
 One-Half cup cold water

What You Do:

- Mix salt and water in a pan until boiling.
- Add cornstarch and cold water.
- Keep heating until it gets thick.

- Roll out dough on a board covered with cornstarch. Store in airtight container.

Modeling Clay

What You Need:

Two cups salt
2/3-cup water
One-cup cornstarch
One-Half cup water (cold)

What You Do:

- Stir salt and water over heat for about 5 minutes.
- Remove from heat and stir in cornstarch and cold water.
- Mix until smooth, return to heat and cook until thick.
- Cool before using. Store in air tight containers

Sawdust Clay

What You Need:

One-cup fine sawdust
Food coloring
One-cup paste

What You Do:

- Mix sawdust and paste to a thick dough like consistency.
- Knead until thoroughly mixed. Add more paste if necessary.
- Can dry creations over night in air, or in a 200 degree oven for 1 to 2 hours.

Baker's Clay

What You Need:

Four cups flour
One-cup salt
One teaspoon powdered alum
One One-Half cups water
Food coloring

What You Do:

- Mix all ingredients in bowl.
- Let your children make what they want (adding food coloring).
- Finally, bake at 250 on an un-greased cookie sheet for Thirty minutes.
- Turn the items over and bake another 1 1/2 hours.
- Remove and let cool. When done, your children can paint them!

Coffee Clay

What You Need: Four cups flour, One cup salt, 1/4 cup instant coffee, 1 1/2 cups warm water

What You Do:

- Dissolve the coffee in the water.
- In a separate bowl, mix the flour and the salt.
- Make a hole in this and add 1 cup of the coffee water into it. Mix until smooth.
- Add more coffee water if needed.
- Form into creations and bake in 300 degree oven for 1 hour or until hard.

NON-COOKED CLAY RECIPES

Crepe Paper Clay

What You Need:

One-cup crepe paper (torn into tiny pieces)
One-cup warm water
1/2 to 2/3 cup wheat flour (not self rising)

What You Do:

- Place tiny pieces of crepe paper into a bowl and pour the warm water over it.
- Let this sit for several hours until soft and pliable.
- Pour off the excess water and add 1/2 cup of flour and stir until mixed thoroughly.
- Pour out onto a floured surface and knead.
- This clay will adhere to glass and it can also be used to sculpt over wire.

Bread Clay

What You Need:

Six slices white bread
Six tablespoons white glue
One-Half teaspoon detergent
Food coloring

What You Do:

- Remove crusts from bread and knead with glue.
- Add detergent and continue kneading until substance is no longer sticky. Add food coloring for color.
- Let your children create something with the clay and then brush with a mixture of glue and water (about half and half).
- Allow creation to dry overnight. You can now paint the creations.

Apple Cinnamon Clay

What You Need:

One part cinnamon

One part applesauce

What You Do:

- Stir together cinnamon and applesauce with a spoon until the dough becomes stiff, then use your hands to create a ball of dough.
- Place the ball of dough on a sheet of waxed paper; and make creations.
- Let dry for a day or two (until completely hard) and then decorate

Sawdust Clay

What You Need: One-cup fine sawdust Food coloring One-cup paste

What You Do:

- Mix sawdust and paste to a thick dough like consistency. Knead until thoroughly mixed.
- Add more paste if necessary. Can dry creations over night in air, or in a 200 degree oven for 1 to 2 hours.

Rose Petal Clay

What You Need:

1/3 cup non-self rising wheat flour

One tablespoon salt

Two tablespoons water

Three cups of rose petals

What You Do:

- Mix flour, salt, and water to make a stiff dough.
- Cut rose petals into tiny pieces and then crush by rolling them between your palms.
- Knead enough petals to the dough without making it crumbly.

Mock Marble

What You Need:

Two teaspoons white glue

1/2-cup water

Plaster of Paris

Tempera paint

What You Do:

- Mix glue and water.
- Stir in enough plaster of Paris until the mixture looks like thick frosting.
- Pour the mixture into a shallow bowl.
- Pour a thick layer of tempera paint on top of the mixture.
- Fold in the color to make marble streaks (do not mix, fold) Gently,
- Pour the mixture into a mold.

DYE RECIPES

Pasta Dye

What You Need:

- 1/4 Cup Rubbing Alcohol
- 1 tablespoon food coloring
- 2 Cups Pasta
- 1 quart ziplock freezer bag

What You Do:

- Pour alcohol and food coloring in bag and mix together
- Add pasta to bag mix all together.
- Let set for an hour, then turn over and let set for 30 minutes more.
- Pour out onto news paper to dry.
- If not dark enough, repeat process.

Pasta Dye

What You Need:

- 1/2 cup rubbing alcohol
- Food coloring

What You Do:

- Mix alcohol and food coloring in bowl.
- Add small amounts of any type of pasta to liquid and gently stir.
- Dry on newspapers covered with wax paper.

This recipe is for Art Only Do not allow children to eat pasta or drink alcohol

PAINT RECIPES

Edible Paint Recipes

Whole Face Paint

What You Need:

- One tablespoon shortening
- Two tablespoons cornstarch
- Food coloring

What You Do

- Mix shortening and starch together until smooth.
- Add food coloring. Use a sponge or your fingers to apply to face.
- You can then paint with it on your children's face (i.e. whole face orange) removing with soap and water.
- Store in airtight container.

Flour Finger Paint

What You Need:

One-cup flour
1 1/4 cups hot water
1 1/2 cups cold water
Two-tablespoons salt
Food coloring

What You Do:

- Mix the flour, salt, and cold water in a saucepan.
- Beat the mixtures (with whisk or rotary beater) until smooth.
- Add the hot water and boil it until the mixture is thick. Beat until smooth.
- Add food coloring to add color.
- Store this in an airtight container in the refrigerator

Yogurt Paint

What You Need: Plain Yogurt Food Coloring

What You Do:

- Mix the ingredients till you get the desired color and then let your children paint

Finger Paint

Liquid Starch Finger paint

What You Need:

1/4 cup liquid laundry starch Food coloring or One-teaspoon
tempera paint

What You Do:

- Mix the starch with a few drops food coloring or paint until blended thoroughly. Store this in a airtight container.

Cornstarch Finger paint

What You Need:

Three Tablespoons Sugar Two cups cold water Food coloring
Soap flakes One-Half cup cornstarch

What You Do:

- Mix the sugar & cornstarch in over low heat.
- Add water and stir until mixture is thick.
- Remove from heat. Next divide the paint into several different containers.
- Add a few drops of food coloring and a pinch or two of soap flakes to each container.
- Stir well and let cool. Store this in an airtight container.

Flour Finger Paint

What You Need:

One-cup flour 1 1/4 cups hot water 1 1/2 cups
cold water
Two-tablespoons salt Food coloring or tempera paint

What You Do:

- Mix the flour, salt, and cold water in a saucepan.
- Beat the mixtures (with whisk or rotary beater) until smooth.
- Add the hot water and boil it until the mixture is thick.
- Beat until smooth.
- Add food coloring to add color. Store this in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Laundry Starch Finger Paint

What You Need:

One-cup laundry starch
Cold water
One-quart boiling water
One-cup pure white soap flakes
Food coloring or paint

What You Do:

- Dissolve the laundry starch in cold water (slowly add water until fully dissolved, it will take a different amount each time).
- Next, add boiling water to the starch and cold water mixture and boil until thick.
- Remove from heat and stir in soap flakes.
- Divide into small containers and add food coloring as desired.
- Store this in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Poster Paint

Frosty Paint

What You Need:

One cup powdered tempera paint
Two tablespoons wallpaper paste
1/4to1/2 cup liquid laundry starch

What You Do:

- Mix tempera paint with wallpaper paste. Add starch, mixing until thick enough to spread.

Opaque Poster Paint

What You Need:

1/4 cup flour
One-cup water

Three tablespoons tempera paint
Two tablespoons water
1/2 teaspoon liquid starch

What You Do:

- Slowly add the water to the flour until the mixture is smooth.
- Heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Let mixture cool.
- Add tempera paint and water for each color.
- For opaque finish add liquid starch

Powdered Milk Paint

What You Need:

1 part powdered nonfat milk 1 part water Powdered
tempera

What You Do:

- Mix milk with water until the milk is dissolved.
- Separate mixture into different containers (one for each color you want) and Add in the powdered tempera and mix.
- This paint dries quickly to a glossy opaque finish and does not dust, chip or come off on your hands.

Glossy Poster Paint

What You Need:

1/4 cup flour
One-cup water
Three tablespoons tempera paint
Two tablespoons water
1/2 teaspoon liquid detergent

What You Do:

- Slowly add One-cup water to the flour until the mixture is smooth.
- Heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Let mixture cool.
- Separate mixture into several containers and add tempera paint, water, and liquid detergent for each color.

Flour Paint

What You Need:

One-cup flour
1 1/4 cups hot water
1 1/2 cups cold water
Two-tablespoons salt
Food coloring or tempera paint

What You Do:

- Mix the flour, salt, and cold water in a saucepan. Beat the mixtures (with whisk or rotary beater) until smooth.

- Add the hot water and boil it until the mixture is thick. Beat until smooth.
- Add food coloring to add color. Store this in an airtight container in the refrigerator.

Sealing Wax Paint

What You Need:

Sticks of leftover bits of sealing wax of different colors
Lemon or peppermint extract, or denatured alcohol

What You Do:

- Crush each stick of sealing wax into small bits, keeping each color separate (put each color in separate airtight container).
- Pour enough extract or alcohol to cover the wax. Let sit for a day or two (until the wax dissolves completely)

Puffy Paint

What You Need:

Flour Salt Water Wilton's Cake Food Coloring
Squeeze Bottles

What You Do:

- Measure equal parts of flour, salt and water. Measure out dry ingredients in a bowl.
- In another bowl mix drops of food coloring and water and add to dry ingredients.
- Spoon mixture into squeeze bottles.
- As the mixture dries on paper it will take on a puffy appearance.

Thick Spread Paint

What You Need:

One cup powdered tempera paint
Two tablespoons wallpaper paste
One-Fourth to One-Half cup liquid laundry starch

What You Do:

- Mix tempera paint with wallpaper paste.
- Add starch, mixing until thick enough to spread (consistency of frosting).
- Let children spread it with Popsicle sticks

Shampoo Paint

What You Need:

Six Tablespoons shampoo
Water
Food Coloring

What You Do:

- Mix shampoo with a small amount of water and beat with an electric mixer, the shampoo should become like shaving cream (if it is too thick add more water, too runny add more shampoo)

Condensed Milk Paint

What You Need:

One-cup condensed milk
Food coloring

What You Do:

- Mix one-cup condensed milk with a few drops of food coloring.
- Let your children paint with this glossy paint.

Egg Dye

What You Need:

1/4 teaspoon food coloring
3/4-cup hot water
One-tablespoon vinegar

What You Do:

Measure liquids into a bowl. Separate into small bowls. Add food coloring to each mixture. Soak hard-boiled eggs in dye.

Glue

What You Need:

3/4 cup water	Two tablespoons corn syrup	
One teaspoon white vinegar	1/2 cup cornstarch	3/4 cup cold water

What You Do:

- Mix water, syrup and vinegar and then bring mixture to a rolling boil.
- Add the cornstarch and water slowly to mixture.
- Stir constantly. Let mixture stand overnight before using.

Library Paste

What You Need:

One-cup flour	One-cup sugar	One-teaspoon alum
Four cups water	Oil	

What You Do:

- Mix all ingredients in saucepan and cook until clear and thick.
- Add 30 drops of Oil of cloves and store in an airtight container

Paper Mache Paste

What You Need:

1/2 cup flour
Cold water

What You Do:

- Add cold water to flour until a thick cream forms. Simmer on stove for about five minutes.
- This is paper mache paste

"GUM" for stamps and paper labels

What You Need:

- 1 (1/4 3 ounce packet) of unflavored gelatin
- 1 T cold water
- 3 T boiling water
- 1/2 tsp white peppermint extract
- 2 drops boric acid solution

What You Do:

Sprinkle the gelatin into the cold water to soften. Pour into the boiling water, stirring until dissolved. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well.

To use glue, brush thinly onto the back of a stamp or some paper and let dry. When applying to paper, just moisten it a bit. To keep, store in a small jar or bottle with a lid. Warm in a pan to turn into a liquid again.

Rainbow Stew

What You Need:

- 1/3 c. sugar
- 1 c. cornstarch
- 4 c. cold water

What You Do:

Cook until thick. put in bowls, add food coloring. Put in ziplock baggies. Let the kids play with it while it is in the bags for a neat sensory experience or use it to mix colors.

PLAY DOUGH RECIPES

Smelly & Colorful Play dough

What You Need:

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| One-Half cup salt | Two cups water |
| Two tablespoons salad oil | Two cups flour |
| Two tablespoons alum | Kool-Aid for color |

What You Do:

- Dissolve salt in boiling water. Stir in Kool-Aid for color.
- Slowly add salad oil, flour and alum. Knead until Play dough is smooth.

Simple Play dough

What You Need:

- Three cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups salt
- Six-teaspoons cream of tartar

Three cups cool water
Three Tbsp oil
Food coloring

What You Do:

- Mix dry ingredients together.
- Next mix liquid ingredients.
- Combine the two mixtures and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly.
- In about five minutes the dough should begin to pull away from the sides of the pot.
- Once you can pinch the dough without it sticking to you remove from heat.
- Finally knead until it has the consistency of Play dough consistency.

Colored Play dough

What You Need:

One-cup flour water	One-tablespoon vegetable oil	One-cup
One-Half cup salt coloring	Two-teaspoon cream of tartar	Food

What You Do:

- Mix all ingredients in saucepan.
- Heat, stirring constantly until ball forms.
- Roll until smooth.

Salt Play dough

What You Need:

One-cup salt	One-cup water	One-Half cup flour
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What You Do:

- Mix ingredients and cook over medium heat.
- Remove from heat when mixture looks thick and rubbery.
- As the mixture cools, slowly roll in flour until it cools into dough.

Potato Dough

What You Need:

Five potatoes
Flour

What You Do:

- Bake potatoes, in their skins, until they are soft inside (like you would eat them).
- Peel and then mash potatoes (throw skins away).
- Combine three cups flour to every four cups of mashed potato and roll until you form a great dough.

Creative Dough

What You Need:

One-cup flour One-cup water One-tablespoon vegetable oil
One-Half teaspoon salt Two teaspoons cream of tartar

<Optional>

One-teaspoon vanilla or other smell Food coloring

What You Do:

- Mix and cook all required ingredients, over medium heat, stirring hard for about five minutes (until mixture forms a ball).
- Remove from pan and let it cool for about five minutes.
- Divide the recipe into parts and add different colors, smells to the sections.
- Knead briefly until it has a good Play dough consistency.

Non-Cooked Play Dough Recipes

Oatmeal Play dough

What You Need:

One part flour One part water Two parts oatmeal

What You Do:

- Mix all ingredients well until smooth. Knead and play.

Soapy Dough

What You Need:

Two cups flour
1/2 cup salt
Two tablespoons liquid tempera paint
One tablespoon liquid soap
1/2 cup water

What You Do:

- Mix all the dry ingredients in one bowl and then mix the liquid ingredients in another.
- Stir the two mixtures together and knead until pliable.

Peanut Butter Play dough

What You Need:

Cocoa Eight oz. peanut butter Six tablespoons honey
Nonfat dry milk

What You Do:

- Mix all ingredients, adding enough dry milk to make dough pliable.

EZ Play Dough

What You Need:

One-cup cold water
Two-teaspoon vegetable oil
Two tablespoons cornstarch
Tempera paint or food coloring (adjust amount for color desired)

One-cup salt
Three cups flour

What You Do:

- Mix the water, salt, oil and paint together.
- Gradually work in the flour and cornstarch until you get the consistency of bread dough.

Salt Play dough

What You Need:

One-cup salt
One-cup water
1/2 cup flour

What You Do:

- Mix ingredients and cook over medium heat.
- Remove from heat when mixture looks thick and rubbery.
- As the mixture cools, slowly roll in flour until it cools into dough.

Smelly Dough

What You Need:

Two cups whole wheat flour
One cup salt
Smelly Ingredient (Five teaspoons cinnamon, 1/2 cup coffee grounds, other of your choice)
Two tablespoons of oil
One cup warm water
Food coloring (optional)

What You Do:

- Mix all dry ingredients in one bowl, and then mix all wet ingredients in a separate one.
- Next mix the two. Stir the mixture until the dough forms a ball (note depending on the season, altitude you may have to add more flour if the mixture is too sticky or add more water if the mixture is too dry)
- Knead on a lightly floured surface until the dough is pliable.
- Store in refrigerator in airtight container

Chocolate Play Dough

What you Need:

1 1/4 cups of flour
1/2 cup of cocoa powder
1/2 cup of salt

1/2 tbspcream of tartar
1 1/2 tbspcooking oil
1 cup of boiling water

What to do:

- Mix the flour cocoa powder ,salt, and cream of tartar together in a bowl then add the cooking oil and the boiling water
- (carefully) mix it together well now cook it over a low heat until it becomes a doughy ball.
- Allow it to cool before kneading it well with your hands to bind it together store in a airtight container

Cinnamon Applesauce Dough Ornaments

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups ground cinnamon 1 cup applesauce (store bought works best)

1/3 cup white school glue (Elmer's or other brand)

Directions:

- Mix the ingredients together until a dough forms. Knead for a few minutes.
- Roll out to 1/8 or 1/4 inch thick. (If sticky, dust your hands and rolling pin with cinnamon, work on waxed paper.)
- Use cookie cutters or other implements to cut out the shapes you desire.
- Cut out a hole at the top of each with a drinking straw so you'll be able to thread a ribbon or string (for hanging) when dry.
- It takes 4 or 5 days for the ornaments to air dry. You should turn them over frequently so they will dry evenly and won't curl.
- You can outline each shape with puffy paint to make them more special.

Cinnamon Cut-Outs

What you Need:

1 1/8 cup flour

3/4 cup ground cinnamon

1 cup salt

1 cup water

1 Tbsp. ground nutmeg (optional)

1 Tbsp. ground

cloves (optional)

Directions:

- Mix dry ingredients with water to form smooth, stiff dough.
- Divide dough into three or four portions. Place each section between two sheets of waxed paper, and roll to 1/4-3/8 inch thickness.
- Use cookie cutters to cut Christmas shapes out of dough. While dough is still soft, use a straw to make a hole near the top of each shape where ribbon can later be inserted for hanging.
- Bake cut shapes at 350 degrees 15-20 minutes to dry. If desired, insert ribbon in hole, tie, and hang as ornaments.

Pumpkin Pie Play Dough

What You Need:

5 ½ cups of flour

1 container (1 ½ oz) pumpkin pie spice

2 cups of salt

Orange food coloring

8 Teaspoons cream of tartar

(one part red, two parts yellow)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup oil

4 Cups water

What You Do:

- Mix all ingredients together
- Cook and stir over medium heat until lumps disappear
- Knead the dough on a floured surface until it is smooth
- Store in an airtight container

Whipped Snow

What You Need:

Two cups warm water

One-cup laundry soap

What You Do:

- Put water and soap in large bowl and beat with mixer until very fluffy.
- Let Your children mold it into shapes and then let them dry.

Gelatin Plastic

What You Need:

Three envelopes unflavored gelatin

35 drops of food coloring

Nine tablespoons water

Lid with a rim

What You Do

- Mix the water and food coloring in a small pan over low heat.
- Add gelatin, stir continuously, and cook for 30 seconds until thickened.
- Pour the mixture into a plastic lid, push the air bubbles to the edge with a spoon and set aside for about fifty minutes until flexible.
- Remove the gelatin from the lid. You can then use cookie cutters, or scissors to shape it.
- Finally dry the plastic by placing it between two pieces of wax paper (sticking out beyond the gelatin).
- Then putting the lid used at the beginning over the creation, and a book on top of that (this prevents the creation from curling)

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Rubbery Playdough

What You Need:

2 cups baking soda

1 1/2 cups water

1 cup cornstarch

What You Do: Mix with a fork until smooth. Boil over med. heat until thick. Spoon onto plate or wax paper.

Jell-O Play Dough

What You Need:

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1 cup flour
1 cup water
2 teaspoons Cream of Tartar

1/2 cup salt
1 tablespoon oil
1 (3-1/2 oz.) package "unsweetened" Jell-O

What You Do

Mix all ingredients together and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until consistency of mashed potatoes. Let cool and knead with floured hands until dry.

Storage: This recipe needs to cool completely "before" storing it in an airtight container!

Note: The items made from this play dough recipe can be painted when they are dry.

Sunshine Dough

What You Need:

3 cups salt
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ cups water, divided
1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups cornstarch

What You Do

Combine salt and 1 cup water in saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until water evaporates, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Combine cornstarch and remaining water in a small bowl; stir until smooth. Add cornstarch mixture to salt mixture. Stir over low heat until thoroughly combined. Remove from heat. When dough is cool enough to handle, transfer to a sealed plastic bag or other airtight container.

Variations: children can make sculptures. They may wish to press small pebbles, blades of grass, twigs, flowers, or other nature items into their sculptures. Place the finished sculptures in a sunny spot to harden. (This will take a day or two, depending on the amount of direct sunlight)

HINT: A spray bottle filled with water is handy for keeping the dough soft and pliable while children are working with it.

Knox Gelatin-

Make jello according to the directions on the box EXCEPT omit $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of the water called for

3 cups boil water $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cold.

Super Sand

Equal parts - Coffee, Powdered milk, cornmeal, and rice