

Kids at the Co-op

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DIY Playdough

DIY Playdough is quick and easy. This recipe makes a super smooth and malleable playdough!

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup fine salt*
- 1 tablespoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 cup warm to hot water
- Various food coloring colors
- Gloves (optional)

Stir together the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large bowl. Slowly add in the water and mix with a fork. It is better to use hot or boiling water, and by the time you have it all mixed, it is touchable. You can use warm water instead of boiling water if needed. Knead until smooth. It should be very soft, but not sticky. Add more flour if it is sticky, and add small amounts (1/2 tsp) of water at time when it starts to dry out.

Separate into equal pieces and add food coloring (2-3 drops of liquid, or a small pea amount of gel). Use gloves to prevent your hands from getting dyed, or place inside a ziplock to mix (this method take a while longer to mix thoroughly). Now you're ready to play!

Store the play dough in airtight containers to keep soft. If stored properly it will keep soft for up to 3 months.

*If you only have coarse salt, you have two options. (1) Stir into boiling water until dissolved, then add to flour and cream of tartar mixture. (2) Process the salt in a food processor or blender until fine.