

Long Lasting Playdough



This is an easily prepared material that your kids can help you make. One batch of playdough should take 5-10 minutes to make. We recommend making two or three batches in different colours.

If you are a visual learner, follow along with this super simple how-to YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Rqjt2mxbcM>

We would love to see what you make! Share your creative process with us by using the hashtags #eskerfoundation and #museumfromhome.

MATERIALS:

- Flour (2 cups)
- Cream of Tartar Powder (1 tbsp.)
- Salt (1 cup)
- Cooking Oil (2 tbsp.)
- Hot Water (2 cups)
- Food Colouring (2-3 colours)

- Large Mixing Bowl
- Spatula/Wooden spoon
- Cookie Cutters (optional)
- Chopstick (optional)

STEPS:

1. In a large bowl, mix together 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt and 1 tbsp cream of tartar powder.
2. Make a well in the centre of your mix and pour in 2 tbsp of oil (I used canola oil).
3. Add a few drops of food colouring. Mix red and yellow together to make orange, red and blue to make purple etc. Experiment! I also recommend neon food colouring if you can find it in the baking aisle at the grocery store.
4. Pour in 2 cups of boiling water.
5. Use a spatula to mix everything together.
6. Once you the mix firms up a bit, pour it out of the bowl onto a counter top or flat surface and knead it until it's all mixed together.
7. Use cookie cutters to make shapes or roll small balls and poke a chopstick through to make beads. Play!
8. When you're done playing for the day, playdough can be reworked and placed in a sealed airtight Ziploc or container. It will last for weeks!