



How to Make Play Dough

Ingredients:

2 Cups flour

2 Cups warm water

1 Cup salt

2 TBSP vegetable oil

1 TBSP cream of tartar (optional but recommended for improved elasticity)

food coloring (liquid, powder, or unflavored drink mix)

scented oils or spices (vanilla extract, cinnamon, etc.)

Mix and Heat

Mix all of the ingredients together and stir over low heat. The dough will begin to thicken until it resembles mashed potatoes.

When the dough pulls away from the sides and clumps in the center, remove the pan from heat and allow the dough to cool enough to handle.

Knead & Color

Put the play dough on a clean surface and knead until it becomes smooth.

Divide the dough into balls for coloring.

Make a hole in the center of each ball and drop some food coloring in. Fold the color into the dough. Work the dye through, adding more as necessary to achieve your chosen color.

NOTE: Keep the initial dye away from your hands and any surfaces - you could use gloves - but only the concentrated dye will color your skin, so as soon as it's worked in bare hands are fine.

Scent & Store

Add any scent (vanilla extract or cinnamon are my favorites!) and store in an airtight container. Leave out the scent if you already have a play dough eater!