

SLIME

Edible: No

Corn starch
Water
Food coloring

Start by combining cornstarch and water. Add just enough water to make it pasty. Next add food coloring. This makes a messy slime. The slime will thicken the more you play with it!

DISAPPEARING INK

Edible: No

4 drops Lemon juice
4 drops Onion juice
17 grains Sugar (Yes, you have to count them!)

Mix the lemon juice, onion juice and sugar grains together in the jar. Dip a toothpick and write a message on a piece of white paper. (Do not press too hard. If you do the grooves will show through and give away your secret message!)

The ink will disappear when it dries. To see it, hold the paper over a bright light bulb.

MAKE-IT-YOURSELF CHALK

Edible: No

1 c Plaster of Paris
1/2 c Cold water
Tempera paint, powdered
Candy or popsicle molds

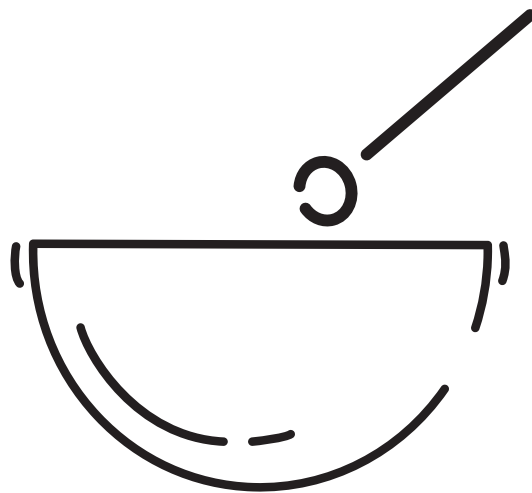
Combine Plaster of Paris, water and tempera paint. The amount of tempera you add will determine how darkly colored the chalk is. Pour the mixture into the mold and let it dry completely.

SILLY PUTTY

Edible: No

2 c Elmer's School Glue
1 c Liquid corn starch

Add starch gradually to glue, mixing with hands until desired consistency is reached.



Fun Crafty RECIPES

BUBBLES #1

Edible: No

1 c Water
2 T Light Karo syrup (or 2 T Glycerin)
4 T Dishwashing liquid

Mix together well.

BUBBLES #2

Edible: No

1/2 c Water
1/2 c Liquid detergent
1 T Cooking oil

Mix together well.

NOTE: You can even make your own bubble wand out of a coat hanger or other piece of wire.

Fun Crafty RECIPES

Run out of paint? Need a rainy day idea?

Look through our Fun Crafty Recipes. Most of the recipes can be made from items already in your kitchen.

Find different recipes to make similar items. You will have an alternative in case you don't have something in your kitchen that I have in mine.

Remember to wear an apron and sometimes gloves when making these. Some recipes may stain.



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COOL WHIP ART

Edible: Yes

1 cont. Coolwhip
Food coloring
Heavy paper

Mix a food coloring and Cool Whip together to make desired color. Too much food coloring will be runny. Do not stir too much or the Cool Whip will break down. Let your child create with their hands, paint brush, etc.

PAPER MACHE PASTE

Edible: Yes

1 c Water
1/4 c Flour
5 c Lightly boiling water

Mix flour into one cup water until mixture is thin and runny. Stir into boiling water. Gently boil and stir for three minutes. Cool before using.

Saturate strips of newspaper/newsprint in the paste and wrap around the item you're using as your form. This is a messy project!

PAINTED SAND

Edible: No

Sand
Tempera paint, powdered

Pour some sand into an empty container. Choose a color of tempera and add some to the sand. Mix the sand with a popsicle stick to see the color. Add more tempera to get more vibrant colors. You can use a sealable plastic bag in place of the bowl and stick.

Use the sand for sand art.

HOMEMADE CRAYONS

Edible: No

Chocolate or plaster molds
1 c Soap flakes (like Ivory Snow)
Food coloring, as desired
1 T Hot water

Put soap flakes into a bowl, add water, stirring constantly. Mixture will be thick and difficult to stir. Separate mixture into several bowls. Add food coloring, mixing each color until it is blended well. Press mixture into molds, let dry for at least one week. After removing crayons, let dry for a day or so.

OATMEAL DOUGH

Edible: Yes

1 part Flour
2 parts Oatmeal
1 part Water

Mix ingredients together. Form into shapes and let dry. Pieces can be painted when dry.

SAWDUST CLAY

Edible: No

2 c Sawdust
1 c Wallpaper paste
Water

Mix the dry wallpaper paste with the sawdust. Add water slowly until you have a thick mixture. Make shapes and let dry overnight. You can sand the finished products and paint or stain them.

Sealing Your Clay?

Use a water-based sealer. It can be a spray or paint-on sealer. You can also mix regular white glue and water so that it is slightly liquidy. but it is not as durable.

NON-HARDENING MODELLING CLAY

Edible: Yes

4 c Flour
1 c Salt
8 T Salad oil
7-8 T Water
Food coloring, if desired

Mix all ingredients. Keep in a sealed container.

NON-BAKING CLAY

Edible: Yes

3/4 c Flour
1/2 c Salt
1/2 c Cornstarch
Warm water

Mix the flour, salt and cornstarch in bowl. Gently add warm water until the mixture becomes slightly hard. Knead the mixture. You can create small sculptures, beads, etc. Once dry, you can paint your creations.

PEANUT BUTTER PLAYDOUGH

Edible: Yes

18 oz Peanut butter
6 T Honey
Non-fat dry milk
Cocoa, for flavor

Mix all ingredients, adding enough dry milk to make dough pliable. Shape, decorate with edible treats and eat!

KOOL-AID PLAYDOUGH

Edible: Yes

1/2 c Salt
2-1/2 c Flour
2 pkg Kool-Aid
3 T Oil
2 c Boiling water

Mix dry ingredients. Add oil. Add water and knead. This playdough is colorful and has a wonderful fragrance as well. Store in plastic bags in the refrigerator.

HOMEMADE GLUE

Edible: Yes

1 part Flour
1 part Water
Food coloring, if desired

Mix these items together in a bowl.

Add food coloring if you want colored glue.

SEAL GUM FOR HOMEMADE STICKERS

Edible: Yes

4 env Unflavored gelatin
2 c Water
1 t Peppermint extract

In a small saucepan, mix gelatin and water together. Heat over medium heat until gelatin is dissolved. Add the peppermint extract and let cool.

Paint a thin layer on the back of any picture and let dry. Lick and stick when you're ready!

LIQUID STARCH FINGER PAINT

Edible: No

1/4 c Liquid laundry starch
2 drops Food coloring (or 1 t tempera paint)

Mix ingredients in a small plastic bowl until blended.

FLOUR FINGER PAINT

Edible: Yes

1 c Flour
2 t Salt
1-1/4 c Hot water
1-1/2 c Cold water
Food coloring or tempura paint

Put flour and salt into a saucepan and add cold water. Beat with a whisk or rotary beater until smooth. Add hot water and boil until mixture is thick. Beat until smooth. Keep in refrigerator and add food coloring as needed.

PASTA DYE

Edible: No

1/2 c Rubbing alcohol
Food coloring

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.

NOTE: Do not allow children to eat pasta or drink alcohol.

WHIPPED SNOW

Edible: No

2 c Warm water
1 c Pure laundry soap or flakes
Food coloring, if desired

Put water and soap in a large bowl. Beat with a mixer until very fluffy.

Add food coloring if desired. This can be molded into shapes and left to dry.

QUICK FINGER PAINT

Edible: No

Add food coloring to any of the following to get finger paint. Note, most of these are NOT edible.

- Wallpaper paste
- Toothpaste
- Vanilla pudding
- Shaving cream
- Hand lotion
- Vaseline

GLUE PAINT

Edible: No

1 Elmer's glue bottle or squeezable bottle
Elmer's glue
Tempera paint

Fill your squeezable bottle half-full with Elmer's glue. Add a quarter of the bottle with tempera paint. Shake or place upside-down overnight.

This paint works well on vellum bristol paper.

GLURCH

Edible: No

2 c White glue
1-1/2 c Water
1/3 c Water
2 t Borax soap

Mix white glue and 1-1/2 c water, stirring thoroughly. In another bowl, mix the 1/3 c water and borax soap.

Pour borax mixture into glue and stir. Pull out the Glurch as it coagulates.

Make a second mixture of the water and borax. Pour into the glue bowl again and pull it out as it coagulates. Continue until no glue remains.

Store in a plastic bag and do not use paper towels.

Glurch can be squeezed, rolled, cut with scissors, colored on with markers and more. Make sure your bag is tight or it will slither out. The older it gets, the harder it becomes.

QUICK DRY PAINT

Edible: No

1 c Liquid tempera paint
1/4 c Liquid laundry starch
2-3 T Liquid dishwashing or laundry detergent
Water, as desired

Mix thoroughly before painting.

TASTY PAINT

Edible: Yes

1 can Sweetened condensed milk
Food coloring

Mix together. The paint will be pastel and have a somewhat glossy finish when dry.