

Easy Playdough Recipe

What you need for your easy playdough recipe:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup water
- 2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1/3 cup salt
- 1 tbs. vegetable or coconut oil
- Food Coloring – gel food colors work awesome for getting vibrant colors

What to do: *{the hotter your pan is the quicker this will go}.*

1. In a medium saucepan, add 1 cup of flour, 2 teaspoons of cream of tartar, and 1/3 cup of salt (the salt keeps it from sticking, the cream of tartar preserves the playdough).
2. Next, add 1 cup of water and 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil.
3. Turn your burner to medium/low and stir. It will be a little lumpy and that's fine.
4. Before it starts getting thick (this is going to happen fast, so be ready) you want to add whatever color food coloring you want. If it gets too thick before you add it, it's hard to get an even color. Add the color and stir! If your color is uneven simply knead the playdough after it has cooled down a bit.
5. Keep stirring, it is going to start thickening up and eventually clumping. This could take anywhere from 30 seconds-2 minutes depending on how hot your pan/stove is.
6. Once you notice the dough isn't wet anymore, take it out of the pot. Set it aside to cool down.

The whole process shouldn't take more than a few minutes. it goes really fast, and even faster when you make additional batches because the pot/stove is already warm.

Store in a zip-lock bag or airtight container. It shouldn't dry out, but if you notice it getting a bit dry you can add a few drops of water and knead that into the dough.

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Items Needed to Make a Vibrant Homemade Play Dough (per color)

- 1 cup of water
- 1 cup of flour (substitute coconut flour to make gluten free)
- Gel Food Dye, if desired
- 3-6 Broken Crayons
- 2-4 tbsp. Sweet Almond Oil
- 3 tbsp. Cream of Tartar
- Ziplock Bag

This entire process took me about 5-10 minutes per color. Because of how fast this goes I only did one color at a time. To start, bring your water to a boil. Add the broken crayon pieces, a scoop of gel dye (I didn't measure just spooned a bit out), and the sweet almond oil. Continue boiling until all of the crayons have melted.

When it came to picking out crayon colors I didn't worry about matching shades. I figured that the variety would give a nice solid color – which it did! I also chose to use sweet almond oil because it is an amazing moisturizer which helps not only make a soft dough, it also helped moisturize our hands when we played with it.

You are going to want to do that step fairly quickly so you do not burn your dough. During this step you can add in some cream of tartar if you would like, but it is not necessary. Cream of tartar is used as a preservative so if you are worried about your play dough molding I would add in 2-3 tbsp.

Once all your crayons are melted add the flour directly into the pan and remove from the heat. Then stir! As soon as the color is fully mixed in transfer your dough into a ziplock bag, seal shut, and set aside until it cools down. I have found that if I skip this step I get a very hard dough so I do think that the moisture the closed bag provides is a necessity as the play dough cools down.

You can also find a no cook recipe on this site:

<http://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipe/no-cook-play-dough-L2119.html>