

Homemade Clay Artwork

Challenge: Make some clay/dough and use it to create a sculpture or functional artwork.

Enduring Understanding:

- Artists experiment with materials, concepts, media and art making approaches, sometimes following or breaking traditions in pursuit of different ways of artmaking
- Artists develop excellence through practice and revising, refining and reflecting

Materials:

- Bowl, Spoon, Measuring Cup
- Flour, Salt and Water to make Salt Dough or other ingredients if making a different dough
- Oven, Stove or Microwave depending on recipe you choose

Resources:

[How to Make a Salt Dough Artwork Video](#)

Steps:

1. Research ways to make homemade clay and what you might make (see above)
2. Choose a Recipe (see pages 3-5)
3. Set up in the kitchen with the needed ingredients and
4. equipment
5. Make you dough
6. Create your artwork
7. When finished,
 - Take at least 2 PHOTOS
 - One with YOU AND YOUR Artwork!
 - One of your Artwork (non-distracting background is best)
 - Reflect on your artwork [REFLECTION FORM](#)





RECIPES FOR HOMEMADE CLAY/DOUGH

There are several ways to make clay or dough that can be used for creating art. Unless making a food safe option like bread, most homemade clay/doughs are not edible.

Note Salt Dough due to its very high salt content, can be life-threatening to pets if they eat it.

TYPES OF HOMEMADE DOUGH/CLAY

- Salt Dough Clay
- Cornstarch Clay
- Regular Playdough (with Cream of Tartar)
- Scented Playdough (without Cream of Tartar)
- Paper Clay

'TOOLS'

This is a list of tools you might have that can be used when making something with dough/clay

- Toothpicks
- Bamboo Skewers
- Cookie Cutters
- Rolling Pin
- Fork, Knife, Spoon
- Paint such as watercolors, acrylic paint, craft paint, Coffee or Tea
- Food coloring or Kool-Aid (if you want to make colored dough, add the food coloring to the water before you mix it in.)

TIPS

- Store your clay/dough in an airtight container as it keeps well for a few days.
- You can paint your creations with acrylic paints and seal with clear acrylic paint or Mod Podge
- You may add powdered or liquid paint when making dough, but adding color before storing it reduces the clay's shelf life.
- To make jewelry beads, punch holes with a large sewing needle or skewer while the clay is soft.
- To prevent beads from flattening while drying, string them on a stiff wire such as a piece of clothes hanger and suspend across a shoe box

SALT DOUGH

Bake in the Oven (or Air Dry)

Please note that due to the high salt content, this clay can be life-threatening to your pet, if they eat it

Ingredients

- 1 cup of flour
- ½ cup salt
- ½ cup of water

Directions:

1. In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.
2. Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.
3. Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.
4. Make your creations using the salt dough.
5. Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 200 degrees. The amount of time needed to bake depends on the size and thickness of the salt dough creations.
6. Salt dough can also be air dried

Baking: Bake at 200 degrees until firm (about 1-3 hours).



REGULAR PLAYDOUGH

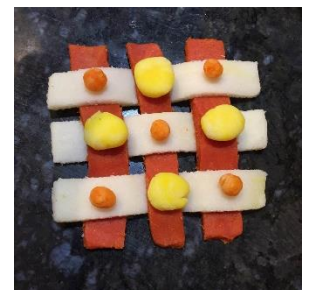
Stove Top or Microwave

Ingredients

- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon cream of tartar (this help the dough to last several months)
- Food coloring (optional)

Directions

1. Combine water, oil, salt, cream of tartar, food coloring (optional) in a saucepan and heat until warm.
2. Remove from heat and add flour.
3. Stir, then knead until smooth. The cream of tartar makes this dough last 6 months or longer, so resist the temptation to omit this ingredient if you don't have it on hand.
4. Store this dough in an airtight container or a Ziploc freezer bag.



CORNSTARCH-BAKING SODA CLAY

Stove Top

Ingredients

- *1/2 cup cornstarch*
- *1 cup baking soda*
- *3/4 cup water*
- *Food coloring (optional)*

Directions:

1. Mix the ingredients with a fork until smooth.
2. Boil over medium heat until thick.
3. Spoon onto a plate or wax paper and allow it to cool.

SCENTED PLAYDOUGH

Without Cream Of Tartar

Microwave or Stove Top

Ingredients

- *1 cup flour*
- *1/4 cup salt*
- *3/4 cup of water minus 3 tablespoons*
- *3 tablespoons of lemon juice or vanilla (optional)*
- *1 tablespoon cooking oil*

Directions

1. Measure the water and lemon juice into a heatproof, microwavable 2-cup measuring cup. Heat in the microwave until just boiling, about three minutes.
2. Meanwhile, mix together the flour and salt.
3. Slowly pour the liquid into the flour/salt mixture and stir with a wooden paddle until it just barely begins to form a dough.
4. Drizzle the tablespoon of cooking oil over the dough and stir again until it forms a ball. At this point, you may want to knead the dough with your hands.
5. It may feel a bit sticky, too, but DO NOT add more flour. As the dough cools it will thicken and become less sticky.
6. Once the dough is completely cooled, you may add flour a tablespoon at a time until it is the perfect consistency.
7. Allow the dough to cool a bit on a sheet of aluminum foil, parchment or wax paper.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YirNv5xOjfM&feature=emb_title

Paper Clay

Hot Water