



# Playdough Recipe

**Suggested Materials:** large bowl, large saucepan, large spoon, measuring cups, measuring spoons, flour, salt, cream of tartar, water, cooking oil, food coloring, airtight container

- Heat treat flour in the oven or microwave until the flour reaches a temperature of 160°F. Bake it in the oven at 350°F for 5–10 minutes or heat it on high in the microwave for a minute. *If heat treating in the oven, please note that the flour will brown slightly and may change the color of playdough.*
- In a large bowl, mix together 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt, and 1 heaping T. cream of tartar. Set aside.
- On the stove in a saucepan, add 2 cups of water and 1 T. of cooking oil. Add food coloring, if desired. Heat over medium heat (do not bring to a boil).
- Remove from heat, and slowly add flour mixture. Stir until combined. Let cool slightly.
- Remove playdough from saucepan and knead together until clumps disappear.
- Let cool completely before offering to children. Store in an airtight container.



Below are tips to use to help troubleshoot any problems with the recipe.

- If mixture is too wet, slowly add small amounts of flour.
- If mixture is too dry, slowly add small amounts of water.
- If mixture is clumpy, continue to knead.
- This recipe can easily be doubled if you need a large batch of playdough.
- Regular food coloring or professional food coloring can be used. Professional food coloring will create more vibrant colors.

*(Adapted from Sally Haughey, Fairy Dust Teaching)*

