

How to Make Play Dough

INGREDIENTS:

1¼ c flour
¼ c salt
2 T cream of tartar
1 c water
1 T vegetable oil
Food coloring

MIX AND COOK

In a pan, mix the flour, salt, and cream of tartar. Combine and add to pan water and vegetable oil. Cook over low to medium heat, stirring constantly. The dough will begin to thicken until it resembles mashed potatoes. Keep stirring and cooking until the dough is dry and feels like play dough; it will pull away from the sides of the pan and form into a ball. Remove the pan from heat and allow the dough to cool so you can handle it.

KNEAD AND COLOR

Roll the ball onto a board or countertop and knead by hand for 1–4 minutes until consistency is uniform. Divide the dough into play-size portions for coloring. Work a few drops of food coloring into each portion by folding and pushing the dough. Continue adding coloring until you have achieved the color you want.

STORAGE

Store your play dough in an air-tight container or zipper storage bag. As the dough ages, it will dry out. Knead in a few drops of water to extend its usefulness. Eventually though, you will simply have to make a new batch of play dough.