



Squashy playdough is fantastic!

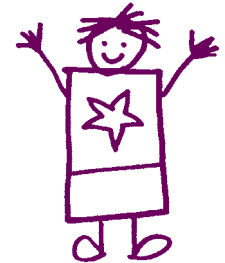
You can mould it into almost anything you want and then when you've finished, squeeze it all back together, ready to start all over again. Although you can buy it in the shops, it's much more fun to make your own. Learn how to do it right here.

Ingredients

- 300g plain white flour, plus extra for kneading
- 150g salt
- 4 tsp cream of tartar (you can find this in the baking section of most big supermarkets)
- 450ml water
- 2 tbsp oil
- Food colouring (this can be any colour you like)

Equipment

- Weighing scales
- Saucepan
- Teaspoon
- Tablespoon
- Measuring jug
- Wooden spoon
- Oven ring
- Airtight container or cling film



Instructions

- 1** Put the flour, salt and cream of tartar into a saucepan. Make a small dent in the centre of the mixture and into this, pour your water, oil and a few drops of food colouring.



- 2** Stir all the ingredients together with a wooden spoon until there are no lumps left.



- 3** Put the saucepan on an oven ring – ask a grown up to help out with this – and heat the mixture, stirring all the time.



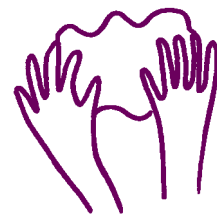
- 4** After about five minutes, the mixture should start to get thicker and come away from the sides of the saucepan. When it does this, carefully lift the pan off the oven ring and set it aside.



- 5** Allow the mixture to cool for twenty minutes and then ask a grown-up to check that it's cool enough for you to handle. If it's still hot, leave it a little while longer.



- 6** Sprinkle some flour on your working surface to stop the dough sticking, and then tip it out of the saucepan. Use your hands to knead the dough for a few minutes until it forms a smooth, squashy ball.



- 7** You're done! The playdough is now ready to use or, if you want to save it for another day, it can be stored. Place the ball inside an airtight container or wrap it in cling film and leave in the fridge.

! Wash the saucepan as quickly as you can after you've finished making your playdough. The mixture is very difficult to get off if you let it dry on the pan



TOP TIP

Add a tablespoon of glitter to the mixture for a brilliant sparkly playdough.