

How to make Playdough

Ingredients

200g plain flour

1 tbs oil

100g salt

300ml water

2tsps cream of tartar

Few drops of food colouring

What to do:

1. Put the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil into a large saucepan.
2. Add the food colouring to the water.
3. Add the liquid gradually to the ingredients in the saucepan and mix it in thoroughly to get rid of as many lumps as possible.
4. Put the pan over a medium-low heat and cook stirring constantly. The mixture will be very liquid at first then begin to thicken suddenly.
5. Continue to stir until the dough becomes very stiff.
6. Remove the pan from the heat and scrape out the dough with a wooden spoon onto a smooth surface.
7. Soak the pan immediately.
8. Allow plenty of time for the playdough to cool as the inside will retain the heat.
9. Knead it thoroughly until it becomes smooth and pliable and holds its shape well.

Storing homemade playdough:

Homemade Playdough needs to be kept in an airtight container to stop it drying out. It's best stored in a polythene food bag inside an airtight box or jar.

If left exposed to the air, a salty crust will form on it. You can rescue it by kneading it thoroughly with a little oil.