

# Best Home Made Play Dough

## *Ingredients*

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp cream of tartar (Not a traditional ingredient but really helps playdough be softer/fluffier and hold its elasticity really well. This is the ingredient that makes this playdough so amazing)!
- 1/3 cup salt (I know it seem like a lot but if you don't use this much salt, you run the risk of your playdough being too sticky.
- 1 cup water
- Desired food coloring drops
- 1 Tbl Vegetable Oil

## *Directions*

Note: This recipe can easily be made in a 4 quart saucepan. I often double or triple the recipe, especially if I am making the playdough for a party. If you are doubling or tripling the recipe, use a larger stockpot.

1. In a large saucepan, mix flour, tartar and salt.
2. In a separate bowl, combine water, food coloring and vegetable oil. Mix well. Note that adding the food coloring during this step will ensure more even distribution of color. You can also continue adding more during the cooking and cooling/kneading steps.
3. Combine water mixture with flour mixture in saucepan and cook over med-low heat, stirring constantly. Mixture will be initially lumpy but will begin to thicken and after several minutes, it will begin to resemble playdough. As it cooks and as you stir you can add more food coloring if you wish.
4. Once it reaches a consistency where it is no longer sticking to the sides of the pan, AND you can spoon it into little balls without it sticking to the spoon, it is time to remove it. I use parchment paper but there have been times where I just remove onto a cutting board and it is fine.
5. Let it cool a few minutes.
6. Using your hands, knead the playdough to get out any air pockets and also to achieve the consistency you want. You can also add more food coloring as you knead, (pun intended).
7. Seal in a quart size Ziploc bag and keep at room temperature.