3 Awesome Homemade Playdough Recipes

These are our three favorite playdough recipes: a quick no-cook recipe, a wonderful cooked playdough, and an edible playdough.

No-Cook Playdough Recipe

The easiest and quickest homemade playdough recipe out there! Plus kids can help make it.

MATERIALS

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 Tbsp cream of tartar
- 2 Tbsp oil
- Food coloring or liquid watercolors
- 2 cups boiling water

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix dry ingredients in a bowl.
2. Make a well in the center, add oil and coloring.
3. Pour in boiling water and mix.
4. It will look like a goopy mess and you’re going to be sure that you’re going to have to add a lot of flour to make it work. Just let it sit for a few minutes and it will firm up.
5. Take the dough out of the bowl and knead it a bit to form a ball. Add glitter and essential oils if desired and knead in.

Peanut Butter Playdough

Our favorite edible playdough for when you want to combine snacking with play.

MATERIALS

- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 – 1/2 cup honey (just enough to make it stick together)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix all ingredients in a medium bowl with an electric mixer. It’s as easy as that!
The Best Cooked Playdough Recipe

This recipe is the best of the best, but a bit more work.

MATERIALS

- 5 cups water
- 5 cups flour
- 2 1/2 cups salt
- 3 Tablespoons cream of tartar
- 10 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- Food coloring or liquid watercolors

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mix the water, salt, cream of tartar, and food coloring in a large pot.

2. Cook the mixture on medium-low heat, stirring regularly until it is hot.

3. Add the oil and mix.

4. Stir in the flour, 1 cup at a time, mixing between each addition with a wooden or other strong spoon.

5. Continue to mix until the playdough pulls away from the pan and is no longer sticky. Pinch it between your fingers to test it (but be careful because it’s hot!).

6. Place the dough on the counter, let it cool a bit, and then knead. This is the time to add glitter or essential oils, if desired. Simply place the additions in a well in the center of the playdough, then knead the dough thoroughly to mix.

7. Store the dough in an airtight bag or other container at room temperature. It will keep for months.