Pre-K Ages 3–4

CLAY AND DOUGH

Uncooked Modeling Dough

- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water with food coloring
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tablespoon alum (as a preservative)

Mix dry ingredients. Add water and oil gradually.

Reusable Clay

- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 cup water
- food coloring
- 1½ cups salt
- 4 cups flour

Mix oil, water, food coloring. Mix salt and flour. Add water mixture to salt and flour. Knead. Store in plastic bags or a sealed container.

Salt Ceramic

- 1 cup salt
- ½ cup cornstarch
- ⅔ cup water
- food coloring

Combine ingredients. Cook over medium heat and stir until thick. Remove from heat. Knead in food coloring. Refrigerate.

Uncooked Play Dough

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 6 teaspoons alum powder
- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 1 cup water
- food coloring or tempera paint

Mix all ingredients.

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PAINT

Simple Finger Paint

Add tempera paint to liquid starch.

Finger Paint

- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3 cups cold water
- 2 cups hot water
- food coloring or powdered tempera

Combine flour, salt, and cold water and beat until smooth. Add hot water and boil mixture, stirring constantly until clear. Beat until smooth. Mix in color.

Cornstarch Finger Paint

- 3 tablespoons sugar
- ½ cup cornstarch
- 2 cups cold water
- food coloring or powdered tempera

Combine sugar, cornstarch, and water. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Let cool. Add coloring.

Easy Soap Flake Finger Paint

- ½ cup soap chips
- 6 cups water
- 1 cup liquid starch
- powdered tempera

Dissolve soap chips in water. Mix water with starch. Add tempera.

Easiest Soap Flake Finger Paint

Mix soap flakes with a little water. Beat with an eggbeater. Add color.

Face Paint

- 1 cup solid vegetable shortening
- 1 cup cornstarch
- water (if necessary)
- food coloring

Mix shortening and cornstarch until smooth. If thick, add water; if thin, add shortening. Add food coloring. If sealed in plastic and refrigerated, this paint will keep for three days.

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BUBBLES

Bubbles

- ¼ cup dishwashing liquid
- ½ cup water
- 2 drops glycerin
- 1 drop food coloring

Stir the ingredients. Store the mixture in a tightly closed container.

Giant Bubbles

- 6 cups water
- 2 cups dishwashing liquid
- 1 cup corn syrup

Mix the ingredients about four hours ahead of time. Pour the solution into shallow pans. Make a wand, about 6 inches in diameter, out of chenille stems or wire hangers with the sharp ends covered. Dip the wand in the solution and wave it once with a long, sweeping motion. Let the children chase the bubbles.

Alternative Recipe

- 1 gallon water
- ¼ cup dishwashing liquid
- 1 tablespoon corn syrup

Mix the ingredients. Cut off the bottom of a plastic water bottle. Dip the large open end into the solution and blow into the mouth of the water bottle. Warning: The solution may damage carpeting, floors, and grass.

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