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## **Basic Homemade Play Dough**

1 cup all-purpose flour
½ cup salt
2 teaspoons cream of tartar
1 cup water
1 ½ tablespoons vegetable oil
Food coloring, if desired

## **Directions:**

- 1. In a 2 quart saucepan, whisk together the flour, salt, and cream of tartar. Add the water and oil and mix until smooth. If using food coloring, add the coloring to the water.
- 2. Place pan over low heat and cook and stir until it thickens and forms a ball (about 5 minutes)
- Dump dough out onto counter or mat. The dough with be hot so let it cool until
  warm to the touch. Knead the dough a couple of times, and place in a looselycovered container to cool completely. Store in a sealed container or zip lock bag
  when not in use.

## **Play Dough Props**

Blocks
Metal or plastic juice bottle caps
Cookie cutters
Combs
Garlic press
Straws

Feathers
Leaves
Twigs
Rolling pin or bottle
Toy people and animals
Plastic spoons

plastic containers potato masher pipe cleaners popsicle sticks seashells muffin tins