Homemade Art Supply Recipes

Here are some recipes for making art supplies at home using common items from the grocery store. Use them if you need to whip up an art supply in a pinch OR if you just want to have fun creating something new!

All recipes should be made with parent supervision.

	Ingredients	Directions
Play dough	 1 cup flour ½ cup salt 2 tbsp cream of tartar 1 tbsp veg. oil 1 cup boiling water Food coloring 	 In a bowl, combine the flour, salt and cream of tartar. Mix well. Add the oil. Mix a few drops of food coloring into the boiling water and add to the bowl. Mix everything well until it is no longer sticky. Once it has fully cooled, wrap in plastic or put in a zipper bag, or airtight container. Store at room temperature for six months.
Salt Dough	 1 cup flour ½ cup salt Approx. ½ cup water 	 Mix flour with salt and 1/2 cup water. Add more water if necessary if the dough is too crumbly, but don't let it get too wet. Knead the dough well for at least two minutes after it has been fully incorporated, and then roll it out. You can cut out shapes with a cookie cutter, trace a hand print, or make small shapes of your own. Let the salt dough shapes air dry overnight or bake them for one hour in the oven at 350F (if they start to yellow or brown remove them immediately). Once dry and hardened, salt dough shapes can be painted with watercolors or other paint.
Air Dry Clay Recipe from That Art Teacher	 2 cups baking soda 1 ¼ cups cold water 1 cup corn starch 	 Mix ingredients in a saucepan and heat over Med-High heat. Stir constantly with a wooden spoon until mixture thickens and will form a ball (at least 5 minutes). Transfer to a plate and cover with a damp cloth to cool (at least 20 minutes). Transfer to a clean surface and knead until smooth. Make something awesome! *Visual learners like me , might want to watch the how to video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4vWBFgnKZM

Kid Safe Paint	 ¼ cup salt ½ cup flour ½ cup water Food coloring 	 Mix the flour and salt in a bowl. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water. Pour into the flour and salt mixture. Whip well until the clumps dissolve. You can add more water if paint is too thick. Store in the refrigerator. Will keep for months.
Watercolor Paint	 4 TBSP baking soda 2 TBSP white vinegar ½ tsp light corn syrup 2 TBSP corn starch Empty Styrofoam egg carton – check for pin holes food coloring popsicle sticks/ skewers 	 In a mixing bowl, mix baking soda with vinegar until the fizzing stops. Add ½ tsp corn syrup and 2 TBSP corn starch. Mix until smooth. Pour mixture into egg carton cups until ¾ full. *(You could also use an ice cube tray or muffin tin) Add 5-10 drops of food coloring to the egg cups. Stir with stick or skewer. Allow to set overnight Food coloring usually comes with the 3 primary colors (red, yellow, blue) + green. What other colors could you make? Hint: red + blue + yellow = brown!
Sidewalk Chalk Paint Recipe from makeandtakes .com	 1 cup cornstarch 1 cup cold water Mixing bowl Food Coloring Paint Brushes or sponges Muffin Tin or Small plastic bowls 	 In a mixing bowl, add 1 cup of cold water to 1 cup of cornstarch. Stir until there are no clumps of cornstarch. Pour the mixture into the cups of muffin tin or into small plastic containers. Next, add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and mix until blended. Use large paint brushes or sponges to paint your driveway or sidewalk. TIP: If you don't have food coloring handy, try mixing in some tempera paint.
Sidewalk Chalk Paint with Flour Recipe from	 2 cups flour 1 cup water Mixing bowl Food Coloring *bright gel colors work best Paint Brushes or sponges Muffin Tin or Small plastic bowls 	 In a mixing bowl, add 1 cup of water to 2 cups of flour. Stir until there are no clumps. Pour the mixture into the cups of muffin tin or into small plastic containers. Next, add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and mix until blended. Use large paint brushes or sponges to paint your driveway or sidewalk.

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DIY Puffy Sidewalk Paint



Recipe from Hip2Save.com

For each color of puffy paint you will need:

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup shaving cream
- food coloring
- gallon freezer bags
- plastic squirt bottle (condiment bottle)

- 1. Inside a gallon-sized freezer bag, mix flour and water together so there are no clumps.
- 2. Add 10 drops of food coloring and 1/2 cup shaving cream. We did not measure, just estimate it. Close baggie and mix well using your hands on the outside of the bag.
- 3. Cut the bottom corner of the bag and pipe mixture into the bottle. Don't cut the end too large or it will be difficult to get into the bottle.
- 4. Secure lid and squeeze onto sidewalk to draw with. Keep some toothpicks nearby in case the squirt bottles get plugged with a clump of flour.