

# Play-dough Recipe

## What you need:

- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 tablespoons oil
- ½ cup salt
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- food colouring (optional)
- 1.5 cups of hot water



## Help your child:

- mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
- add food colouring (optional) to the water and mix it with all the ingredients
- stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
- allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone
  - \* this is the most important part of the process, so keep at it until it's the perfect consistency!\*
- if it remains a little sticky then add a touch more flour until just right

# Microwave 'Quick and Easy' Play-dough

## What you need:

- 2 cups water
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 2 teaspoons cream tartar
- Food colouring



**Microwave all ingredients together for 2 minutes, then stir until all the ingredients come together.**

## Play-dough Maths Ideas

**Numeracy** (*Encourage counting using one to one correspondence*)

- Roll into balls/cakes
- How many do you have?
- Add one more – how many now? How many if you take one away?

**Make two groups of balls/cakes**

- How many in this group here/this group there/how many altogether?
- Model with your child the play-dough into different shapes

**Put some candles on your 'cake'**

- Count your candles
- How many would you have if you put on one more?
- How many would you have if you took one away?

**Measure**

- Roll out Play-dough snakes
- Can you make a longer one?
- Can you make a shorter one?

