



I found each of the following recipes at www.about.com. These would be great to make at home, or use in the classroom!

Homemade Playdough

From [Barbara Whiting](#)

Recipes for Kids

Ingredients

- 1 c Flour
- 1 c Water
- 1/2 c Salt
- 2 tb Cream of tartar
- 1 tb Oil

Cook until dough forms a mass in a pan. Turn it out on a plate, pick an old one, and cover it with a damp cloth, also an old one. Food coloring may be added. Store playdough in the refrigerator.

Bubbles

From [Barbara Whiting](#)

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Ingredients

- 1 cup Joy or Dawn
- 2 cups WARM water

- 3 tablespoon Glycerin
- 1/2 teaspoon Sugar

Mix together and store in an air tight container. Item to use to "blow" bubbles: plastic strawberry basket, colander, plastic six pack holder, funnel, plastic straw cut on a slant, tape several straws together, paper cup with a hole punched in the bottom will make giant bubbles.

Finger Paints

From [Barbara Whiting](#)

Recipes for Kids

Ingredients

- 1 cup All-Purpose Flour
- 4 cup Water (as 1 cup then 3 cups)
- Food Coloring

Combine flour and 1 cup water into a large saucepan. Stir in water until smooth. Add the remaining 3 cups water and place over medium heat. Bring the mixture to a sustained boil (cannot be stirred down) for 1 minute then remove from heat. Let cool. Pour into 3 or 4 separate cups (paper cups, plastic bowls, etc.) and add food coloring.

STORE the paint in a air-tight plastic bowl, cup, or large baggie.

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Recipes for Tots to Teens

Ingredients:

- 1 cup Cornstarch
- 1/2 cup Water
- Food Coloring

Mix all ingredients. Great for squeezing through your hands. You can change the consistency by adding more water, then more cornstarch.

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