

gak

new 8 ounce bottle of Elmer's white glue, washable
Borax
water
spoon
mixing bowl
food coloring

Empty the entire bottle of glue into a mixing bowl. Fill the empty bottle with warm water and shake.

Pour the glue-water mixture into the mixing bowl and use the spoon to mix well. Add food coloring.

Measure 1/2 cup of warm water into the plastic cup and add a teaspoon of Borax powder to the water:

While stirring the glue in the mixing bowl, slowly add the Borax solution. We have found that pouring off the last bit of extra water/Borax solution gives better results.

Store in a zip bag.

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play dough

1 cup white flour
1/4 cup salt
2 tablespoons cream of tartar
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 cup water
food coloring

Mix flour, salt and cream of tartar in pot. Mix water, oil and food color together. Add water mixture to flour mixture. Stir constantly on medium heat until it forms a ball. Place it in a plastic zip bag and knead it until it is all smooth and well blended.

Let it cool.

Store in a zip bag.

Recipe courtesy of Swansea at the Northampton Parents Center.

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slime

Elmer's white glue, washable
Borax
water
spoon
mixing bowl
food coloring

Mix 1/2 cup (4oz) of glue with 1 cup (8oz) of warm water. Add food coloring.

Measure 1/2 cup of warm water in a glass cup and add a teaspoon of Borax powder to the water.

While stirring the glue in the mixing bowl, slowly add the Borax solution. Stir constantly until well blended.

Store in a zip bag.

Yes, this is very similar to the gak recipe. The proportions are different, making this one more slimey.

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giant bubbles

1 part Dawn Ultra or Joy Ultra
15 parts distilled water
1/4 part glycerine or white Karo Syrup

also try this one

2/3 cup Joy
1 gallon water
3 tablespoons glycerine

Joy and Dawn are considered the best detergents to use in the bubble solution.

The secret ingredient for sturdy, colorful bubbles is glycerine—available at most pharmacies. Glycerine is a bit expensive, so you can try also experimenting with Karo Syrup—available at the grocery store.

Soft water is good for bubbles. Any water containing high levels of iron is bad for bubbles. To get the best mixture, try using distilled water.

Gently stir the ingredients together (avoid making a lot of foam) and store in a sealed container overnight. The solution seems to get better with age.

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finger paint

1 cup of cold water
1/4 cup of cornstarch
1 tablespoon of light corn syrup
washable, nontoxic tempera paint
bowls
finger paint paper or freezer paper
masking tape

In a small saucepan, stir together the cold water and cornstarch. Whisk the mixture over low heat for about 5 minutes until it thickens and clears—this will happen all at once. Whisk in 1 tablespoon of light corn syrup, then divide the mixture into bowls and stir a squirt of tempera paint into each one. Let cool.

Leftover paint can be stored in sealed containers in the fridge for a day or two.

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face paint

1 teaspoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon cold cream
1/2 teaspoon cold water
food coloring

Mix the ingredients together and paint!

This will wash off with cold cream and/or water.

This recipe can dry out quickly. It is best to use it the day you make it or store up to a day in a sealed ice cube tray with lid.

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watercolor paint

4 tablespoon baking soda
2 tablespoon white vinegar
1/2 teaspoon light corn syrup
2 tablespoon cornstarch
liquid food coloring

Mix baking soda and vinegar until the fizzing stops. Add corn syrup and cornstarch. Mix until it has a uniform consistency. It will be crumbly.

Divide into mini muffin tin or ice cube tray with lid.

Add about 10 drops of food coloring. Stir in. You'll need to mash the food color into the paste. Eventually the paints will set to have a wet film on top.

Let the paint set for a few hours or overnight.

To use, add water as needed.

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sidewalk chalk

paper towel or toilet paper tubes
3 1/2 cups plaster of paris
1 1/2 cups warm water
tempera paint
plastic mixing bowls and spatula (containers for mixing)
duct tape

Use duct tape to close off one end of each cardboard tube and make a good seal.

Combine the plaster and warm water. Once combined, the mixture should be the consistency of sour cream. Separate the mixture into a container for each color. (We used old yogurt containers.)

Add paint to each of the containers and stir until the color is consistent.

Pour the mixture into the cardboard tubes. Set the tubes aside to dry for two days. Tear off the cardboard and have fun. Make sure to clean up and protect your surfaces. Dried plaster is hard to remove.

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