



Silly Putty

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 cup of cornstarch
- 1/2-1 cup clear gel-like soap
- Food coloring or gel colors
- A small bowl and spoon for mixing



INSTRUCTIONS:

Dump your cornstarch and soap into your bowl and mix up. If you want, add a couple drops of food coloring. Start out with a smaller amount and add a little more until you get the color you (or more likely) your children want. Don't add a ton of food color at first to your silly putty or you may end up with stained hands. You really only need a little bit of color to dye your DIY silly putty. The more coloring you add, the deeper your color will be. This dough is a great tool for children to explore their imagination and creativity with. It is a free flow activity that they can create and sculpt different things. To extend the activity you can add tools your children can use to manipulate the dough! Join in. it's fun!

Imagination and Creativity

What can an imaginative child do with play dough? ANYTHING! Give them birthday candles and cake toppers and it's a party. Give them cookie cutters and it's time for cookies and milk. Give the boys blocks and play dough and what comes next will blow your mind! Imagination and creativity are vital processes to enhance learning skills. It deepens their thinking and sets them up for success. Dramatic play is even more important than letters and numbers.

- Ways to use play dough in dramatic play format
 - Mixing bowls
 - Utensils
 - Blocks
 - Baby dolls
 - Small plastic vehicles
 - Tools
 - Little aluminum pie pans
 - Two colors of play dough