

It is a universal truth that kids love playdough. This is fantastic because playdough is a great way for kids to stretch their creative and fine-motor muscles.

It's also true that parents could go bankrupt keeping up with the demand for dough. This recipe will keep you supplied for pennies (so you can use the money you save to buy stock in Hasbro).

## BEST-EVER HOMEMADE PLAY DOUGH

### MATERIALS

1 cup flour  
2 tsps. cream of tartar  
1/3 cup salt  
1 cup water  
Food coloring (gel food coloring makes especially vibrant colors)  
1 tbsp. vegetable oil  
Ziploc bags or plastic containers for storing finished dough

### DIRECTIONS

1. Add flour, cream of tartar, & salt to a saucepan.
2. Add a few drops of food coloring to the water, then stir it & the oil into the flour mixture.
3. Heat burner to medium-low and begin stirring. The mixture will be lumpy; this is okay.
4. The mixture will begin to thicken. On a hot stove, this can take as little as 20-30 seconds or as long as 2-3 minutes if your burner is cooler.
5. Keep stirring! Once the dough starts gathering around the spoon & coming away cleanly from the sides of the saucepan, it is ready to come off the heat.
6. Remove your dough from the saucepan and put it on some waxed paper or a plate to cool.
7. Once cool enough to handle, knead the dough for a minute or two to get out any remaining lumps & to even out the consistency.

Recipe taken from [livingwellmom.com](http://livingwellmom.com)

### Great tools for having fun with playdough

- Safety scissors
- Ice cream scoop
- Plastic knives
- Forks & spoons
- Potato masher
- Cookie cutters
- Rolling pin
- Drinking straws