

If you have never tried making your own play dough, this is the time to give it a try. It’s very different to store bought play dough, being much softer and lasting a whole lot longer.

**The** [**benefits of using play dough for young children are wonderful**](http://theimaginationtree.com/2012/06/benefits-of-playing-with-play-dough.html)**and the play possibilities are endless!**

**You need:**

* 2 cups plain flour (all purpose)
* 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
* 1/2 cup salt
* 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
* Up to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
* food coloring (Wilton Food Coloring works best)

**Method:**

* Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
* Add food coloring to the boiling water then into the dry ingredients (color optional)
* 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)

We use Wilton Food colors as they are much more vibrant and take only a tiny amount to color the dough.

You can store this play dough in an air tight container for at least 6 months. If you live in a humid climate you might need to store it in the fridge and out of sunlight.