

# Fun and Learning with Playdough

### For this activity you will need:

- ½ cup salt
- 1 cup plain flour
- 2 teaspoons Cream of Tatar
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 tablespoon oil
- And food colouring if you wish
- Saucepan
- Mixing spoon
- gladwrap or airtight container



# What is the learning in this activity?

Ages: 2+ with adult help and supervision

**Purpose**: Playdough is the perfect go-to activity for young children as it is fun and supports learning! Playdough helps to strengthen children's hands and fingers, develop their fine motor skills; eye hand coordination and ability to concentrate; provides opportunities for imaginative creativity; promotes language and provides a calming sensory activity that relives stress.

## Let's play!

- 1. Add all mixture together in a bowl.
- 2. Lightly dust bench with flour.
- 3. Once slightly formed roll out onto a floured bench and knead until smooth ball forms.
- 4. When finished using ensure you wrap the dough in gladwrap and place the playgroup into an airtight container.









#### Let's talk..

Qs - This is a great activity to talk with your child about: Measurements, sizes and shapes, quality and measurements, movement and textures.

**Extension** - add smells to your dough such as lavender oil, cinnamon or mint.

To add to the play, you can provide your child with; cupcake trays and patty pans, children's scissors, leaves, twigs and flowers, toy animals or people, rolling pin, blunt knife or then can just use their fingers and imagination!