# DIY ART EXPLORATION

Recipes you can make at home!

## **PLAYDOUGH**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Optional: food coloring

- 1. In a large pot, stir together dry ingredients. Once mixed, add wet ingredients.
- 2. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a ball.
- 3. Remove from heat and then place inside a bowl, gallon sized bag or onto wax paper. Allow to cool slightly and then knead until smooth.
- 4. If adding color: divide the dough into balls, one for each color, and place them in Ziploc bags. Start with 4–5 drops of color and add more as needed. Knead the dough, while inside the bag so it doesn't stain your hands. Store the play dough inside the bags to keep soft. If stored properly it will keep soft for up to 3 months.

## **FINGER PAINT**

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 3 cups water, divided
- food coloring

- 1. In a large pot, mix flour and salt
- 2. Add 11/2 cups cold water and whisk until there are no lumps
- 3. Add 11/2 cups hot water and bring to a boil while whisking, continue to cook until thickened
- 4. Remove from heat and continue to whisk until all lumps are gone
- 5. Divide mix into containers according to the number of colors you will be using
- 6. Mix in food coloring, starting with a few drops and increasing as needed
- 7. Cool completely
- 8. Shake before use and refrigerate after use

### **CHALK PAINT**

- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 2/3 cup water
- Food coloring
- Individual cups or muffin tin for paint

- 1. Combine water and cornstarch in a bowl, mix with fork until smooth
- 2. Add 2-3 drops of food coloring to each empty cup
- 3. Pour equal amounts of the cornstarch/water mix into each cup, stir until food coloring is mixed in
- 4. Head outside with your paint and decorate your sidewalk! Colors become brighter as they dry and can be washed away with water.

#### RECIPE CREDIT

## **PLAYDOUGH**

Website: <a href="https://www.iheartnaptime.net/">https://www.iheartnaptime.net/</a>

**Author:** Jamielyn Nye

**Direct Link:** <a href="https://www.iheartnaptime.net/play-dough-recipe/">https://www.iheartnaptime.net/play-dough-recipe/</a>

#### **FINGER PAINT**

Website: <a href="https://www.fun-stuff-to-do.com/">https://www.fun-stuff-to-do.com/</a>

Direct Link: <a href="https://www.fun-stuff-to-do.com/fingerpaint.html">https://www.fun-stuff-to-do.com/fingerpaint.html</a>

#### **CHALK PAINT**

Website: <a href="https://www.happinessishomemade.net/">https://www.happinessishomemade.net/</a>

Author: Heidi Kundin

Direct Link: <a href="https://www.happinessishomemade.net/sidewalk-chalk-paint/">https://www.happinessishomemade.net/sidewalk-chalk-paint/</a>

# **METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM RESOURCES**

For books about art and making, check out our catalog: <a href="https://catalog.metrolibrary.org/">https://catalog.metrolibrary.org/</a>

To find amazing art programs at your library branch, check our calendar of events: <a href="https://www.metrolibrary.org/events/upcoming">https://www.metrolibrary.org/events/upcoming</a>

Need help accessing these resources? We're here for you! Contact the Metropolitan Library System by calling (405) 231–8650, texting (405) 546–2275, or emailing us at <a href="https://www.metrolibrary.org/contact-us/email">https://www.metrolibrary.org/contact-us/email</a>

