

## Recipes for Family Fun!

Baking and making homemade toys is something inexpensive and fun to do with your child.

Often these items become childhood favorites.

### Cooked Playdough

1 Cup Flour  
½ Cup Salt  
1 Cup Water  
1TBSP. Vegetable Oil  
2 Tsp. Cream of Tartar  
Food Coloring

Heat while stirring, until all ingredients form a ball.

Add food coloring and kneed it until color is even.

Playdough will keep for several weeks, especially if

Stored in a cool place.

### Peanut Butter Playdough (*Edible Playdough*)

Combine equal parts of peanut butter and powdered milk.

Add a little honey, until it is the consistency of clay.

Great for little ones who like to put things in their mouths!

For older children, dough can be decorated with raisins, carrots, etc.

### Soap Crayons

1/8 Cup Water  
1 Cup Soap Flakes (Ivory Snow)  
Food Coloring or Powdered Tempura

Make a soap paste with 1/8 cup water and 1 cup plus soap flakes as needed for a pliable, clay-like consistency.

Add 30-40 drops food coloring or some powdered paint and mix well.

Form into sticks and let dry in a warm place until dry to touch.

Great in the bath tub!

### Starch Finger Paint

½ Cup Ivory Snow  
2 Tbsp. Liquid Starch  
A little water  
Food Coloring

With a hand mixer, mix soap, starch and enough water to whipped-cream consistency. Add food coloring. Enjoy!

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### Edible Finger Paint

Pudding (made with ¾ amount of liquid called for)  
Baby Food  
Whipped Cream  
Food Coloring

For a different artistic endeavor, paint on the kitchen table, then put a large piece of paper over it to “lift” off the creation.



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## **Soap Bubbles**

1 Cup Water  
2 TSP. Dish Detergent  
½ TSP. Sugar  
1 TSP. Glycerin

Or

½ Cup Dish Detergent  
A Few Drops of Salad Oil  
2 TBSP. of Water  
A Few Drops of Food Coloring  
Mix ingredients together and use immediately.

## **Make Your Own Bubble Wand By Using**

Pipe Cleaners  
Cookie Cutters  
Berry Baskets  
String

## **Other Ideas...**

### **A Vehicle Parade**

Find a cardboard box large enough for your child to fit into it. Let your child decorate the box using a variety of materials such as construction paper, paper plates, cardboard tubes, markers, crayons, paint, fabric, glue, tape, scissors, etc. Encourage your child to turn the box into his/her favorite vehicle (car, train, plane, bus, spaceship, etc.). When the vehicle is complete, have your child sit in it while you push it around in a parade.

### **Coloring the Snow**

Put your snow boots and outerwear on for some creative Wintertime fun. Find a few spray bottles and mix food coloring and water and decorate the snow.

### **Paint the House**

Gather all your paint brushes and a few bowls full of water. And let your child/ren dip the brushes into the water and “paint” the house, care, or pet?

### **Take a Nature Walk**

Grab a bag or a basket and take a walk with your Child/ren collecting nature objects along the way. Use your “finds” to make a nature collage and/or write and illustrate a book about your nature walk.



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