

# Art Projects, Ideas & Resources

We are all stuck at home! In this packet you will find resources for fun activities and art projects that you can enjoy with very simple supplies.

Enjoy your time off, stay healthy and make art!

## **Helpful Websites**

<https://www.unitednow.com/projects>

Designed for teachers but has great instructions for projects for all ages.

<http://krokotak.com/>

Simple crafts especially great for young learners.

<https://www.deepspacesparkle.com/category/art-lessons/>

Free art lessons for all ages

<https://artprojectsforkids.org>

Step by step drawing projects

<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

Virtual Tours of 12 of the worlds best art museums

<https://www.pinterest.com/>

Just type in *art projects for kids* and get a million ideas!

## **Art related movies and TV shows available online**

### **Netflix**

Abstract- Netflix TV show about design(middle school)

The Art of the Steal- Documentary about controversy surrounding a famous museum  
(Middle school)

Blown Away - show about competitive glassblowing (primary and up)

### **PBS.org**

Craft in America (PBS) profiles of different American artisans (primary and up)

### **Amazon Prime Video**

Cardboard Bernini- documentary about a sculptor who only uses cardboard (primary and up)

Between the Folds- documentary about origami (primary and up)

Raiders of the Lost Art- Show about recovering lost or stolen art (Middle school and up)

### **Youtube**

Mati and Dada

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR2NIUr0yPuqRxZN\\_7ltHog](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCR2NIUr0yPuqRxZN_7ltHog)

Animated web series about famous artists (early childhood and primary)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5XMF3Inoi8R9nSI8ChOsdQ>

Art for Kids Hub, step by step drawing videos (primary and up)

# Recipe: Homemade Play Dough

## MATERIALS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil (coconut oil works too)

## OPTIONAL: FOOD COLORING

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Stir together the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large pot. Next add the water and oil. If you're only making one color, stir in the color now.
2. Cook over medium-heat, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a ball. Remove from heat and then place inside a bowl, gallon sized bag or onto wax paper.
3. Allow to cool slightly and then knead until smooth. If you're adding colors after, divide the dough into balls (for how many colors you want) and then add the dough into the quart sized bags. Start with about 5 drops of color and add more to brighten it. Knead the dough, while inside the bag so it doesn't stain your hands. Once it's all mixed together, you're ready to PLAY.
4. Store the play dough inside the bags to keep soft. If stored properly it will keep soft for up to 3 months.

# Recipe: Watercolor Paint

## MATERIALS

Baking soda, White vinegar, Light corn syrup, Cornstarch, Mixing bowl  
Mixing spoon, Foam egg carton or muffin pan, Assorted food coloring 4-pack  
Popsicle sticks or skewers

## STEPS

1. In a mixing bowl, mix 4 tablespoons baking soda with 2 tablespoons vinegar until fizzing stops. Add 1/2 teaspoon corn syrup and 2 tablespoons cornstarch. Mix until a uniform consistency.
2. Pour the mixture into individual egg carton cups, filling each about a third to halfway.
3. Add five to 10 drops of food coloring to each cup, mixing in thoroughly, to reach desired colors. (Experiment, or see color recipes below.)
4. Allow paints to set overnight.



## Recipe: Home Made Puffy Paint (AKA Snow Paint)



### Materials:

Shaving Cream (Barbasol is best) and Elmers glue

### Steps:

1. Mix equal parts glue and shaving cream ( $\frac{1}{2}$  cup is a good amount to start with and the measurements don't have to be exact, I just eyeball everything and dump it in a bowl)
2. If you want to color it add a few drops of food coloring or paint.
3. You can apply with a paintbrush or popsicle
4. For less mess, mix the ingredients in zip lock bags but a hole in the corner and pipe on the puffy paint.
5. Allow to dry for several hours-overnight

Pro Tip : This paint looks like frosting so it's great on drawings of cupcakes etc...

## Recipe: Oven Bake Clay

### Materials

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 1/2 cups water

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- Mix the flour, salt and water. Knead dough until smooth. Roll out dough and cut into desired shapes. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 30-50 minutes depending on thickness of the piece. Once cool paint with colors, if desired.



## Project 1: Shaving Cream Marbling

### Materials:

Shaving cream, food coloring or acrylic paint, construction paper, toothpicks or utensils, ruler

### Instructions:

1. Spray shaving cream onto jelly roll pan or similar pan.
2. Level out shaving cream with spatula.
3. Squirt food coloring or acrylic paint onto the surface of shaving cream.
4. Swirl designs into your shaving cream with toothpicks.
5. Lay paper down and pat it gently so all of paper is covered on underside with shaving cream/paint.
6. Gently pull off paper and lay down with shaving cream side up.
7. Scrape off shaving cream with ruler and let dry.





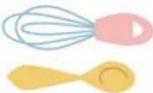
## Project 2: Papier Mache Pinata

Materials:

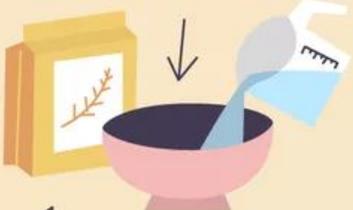
Flour, Water, Balloons, Strips of newspaper, Glue, Tissue Paper, Paint, CANDY!

### No-Cook Paper Mache Paste

You will need:

Flour	Water	Whisk or Spoon	Bowl
			



- 

1. Mix 1 part flour, 2 parts water.
- 

2. Stir until lumps are gone and mix is thin.
- 

3. Add more flour or water if mix is too thick.
- 

4. Store in the refrigerator.





Step 1. Cut newspaper into about 1 inch strips.

Step 2. Blow up balloon with air and tie it.

Step 3. Mix 1 part water with 1 part flour. Whisking will help it to be more smooth. **(You can also use glue instead of the flour paste. Use 2 parts water to 1 part white glue)**



Step 4. Dip one side of newspaper piece into flour mixture. Run fingers down the length of strip to remove excess liquid. Place strip on balloon.

Step 5. Repeat step four until covered going one direction (ex. horizontal, vertical, etc.)  
The strips should overlap just a little bit.

Step 6. Once balloon is covered going one direction, continue covering the balloon in the opposite direction. (If you started placing your strips going horizontally, now start placing them vertically.)

Step 7. Once finished layering and covering whole object, let dry. (Usually overnight for full dry effect)

Step 8. Once paper is dry, pop balloon and remove balloon from inside.

Step 9: Decorate as you wish. You can paint the whole pinata or just glue on crepe or tissue paper

Step 10. Cut a hole at the top in order to add candy into the pinata. Poke two holes so you can put some string through the top to hand the pinata. Fill with candy

### Project 3: DIY Shrink Plastics (Shrinky Dinks)

Supplies:

- Clean #6 Plastic
  - (most plastic containers have a number at the bottom, you need to use plastic that has a number 6, often found in deli containers) if you want to just buy this plastic you can order Shrinky Dink film from Amazon or Michaels.
- Permanent Markers
- Scissors
- Aluminum Foil
- Oven and Tongs or Oven Mitt
- Keychains and hole punch (optional)



## Steps for making shrinky dinks

1. Obtain a piece of #6 plastic (polystyrene).

Most clear containers at salad bars, delis, and grocery stores will work. Just flip it over and look for a “6” inside the recycling arrows. If you ask nicely, they’ll usually give you a fresh one.

2. Cut any excess plastic away to make a flat sheet (use both the top and the bottom), and recycle the excess. Now you've got your shrinky dink paper.

3. Draw or write your desired image or text on your shrinky dink paper using **permanent markers** (Sharpies). You can always put a coloring page under the plastic and trace on an image you like. The total image will shrink to about a third of its original size, and five or six times its original thickness.

4. If you want to turn your piece into a key chain make sure to punch a hole near one edge

5. Pre-heat your oven to 350°, and place a rack in the lowest position.

6. Create a “tray” out of the aluminum foil by bending up the sides. Technically, you could cover a baking sheet with foil, but the thinner surface allows for more direct heat and quicker shrinking.

7. Place your art in the tray, then use the tongs or an oven mitt to place the foil on the

bottom rack. "Cook" for about 3 1/2 minutes

For the first minute your art will curl up all crazy-like, but soon, it will flatten itself out. If you have an oven door through which you can see, then just keep an eye on it. If your door is solid, open it just slightly (as you would do when broiling) after 90 seconds. Total time for a large piece (5-6" starting size) will be about 3 1/2 minutes.

8. Using the tongs or oven mitt, remove the tray.

9. At this point, it's still pliable, so if you want to flatten it more, or add waves or bend the corners, do so **CAREFULLY** within the first ten seconds.

10. Once cool add a keychain if desired.



## Project 4: Styrofoam Printmaking

Materials: styrofoam plates, pencil or pen, washable markers, paper, spray bottle or sponge, construction paper (computer paper does not work as well)

### Steps

1. Cut your desired shape out of the styrofoam plate
2. Using a pen or dull pencil draw a design in the styrofoam. It does not matter if the pencil leaves behind a dark line, you just want an indentation in the foam.
3. Using markers, color directly on the foam.
4. If you have a spray bottle that can mist gently spray the foam so that it is damp, if it is too wet and dripping it will not work. If you do not have a spray bottle you can use a sponge to just dampen the paper slightly.
5. Press the foam onto the paper and rub the back well so that all the markers bleeds into the paper

This is a great project to do to make Easter cards or cards for any occasion!

- Pro Tip- do not add words to you design because they will print backwards



## Project 5: Agamograph

An Agamograph is named after the Israeli artist Yaacov Agam who makes paintings that change when looked at from different angles. If you google Agamograph you will find many tutorial videos



### Supplies

Ruler, pencil, gluestick, markers or watercolor paint, 1 12x18 piece of construction paper, 2 9x12 pieces of paper.

1. Take your two 9x12 papers and hold them vertically. Paint or draw on each of them creating two separate pictures.
2. On the back of each picture draw stripes one inch apart.
3. On one picture label the sections 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
4. On the second picture label the a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i
5. Cut the strips from both papers, you should have 18 in total

6. Take your 12 x 18in paper and hold it horizontally.
7. Measure 1 inch strips all the way across , you should get 18
8. Label the strips in the following order 1 A 2 B 3 C 4 D and continue until the end of the paper
9. Carefully fan fold the larger paper so that you are folding on all the lines that you drew.
10. Glue all the strips on to their corresponding section.

