

DIY Air Dry Clay

Materials:

For instructor:	For participants:
Large bowl	Small paper bowls
Whisk	Plastic Forks/mini whisks
Gloves	Gloves
White glue	White glue (4 tbsp.)
Cornstarch	Cornstarch (1/4 cup)
¼ cup & Tablespoon	Clay tools
Disposable table cloths	Food coloring(optional)

- *For the clay, you need a 2:1 ratio. (2 parts cornstarch to 1 part glue)*
- *If it is too crumbly, add more glue.*
- *If it is too sticky, add more cornstarch.*

Set up:

1. Cover tables with tablecloths
2. Set up each participant's place with a bowl, whisk, and set of gloves

Procedure:

1. Explain what you are making (not slime). You are making clay that we can mold into whatever you want and it will dry and hold its shape.
2. Ask participants to be patient, you will be doing the steps together as a group.
3. Have staff go around with a ¼ cup measuring spoon and cornstarch. Allow participants to put one scoop of cornstarch into their personal bowl.
4. Have staff go around with tablespoon and glue and help each participant put 4 spoonfuls in his or her bowl. *(If you are offering food coloring, offer them 1 drop during when they put the glue in their bowl so it mixes better)*
5. Once participants have cornstarch and glue, have them start mixing with a whisk.
6. When the clay starts to come together, encourage them to use their hands (with gloves) to finish mixing it.
7. Once the clay has come together, the participants can use their hands and the tools to make their creation and set it aside to dry.
8. If you feel it is necessary, you can use the tools or a pen to etch their initials into the bottom of the sculpture.

Clean Up:

1. Throw away bowls, gloves, and plastic utensils.
2. Wash clay tools and anything else reusable and return to box.
3. Have participants wash hands (if necessary) or use baby wipes.
4. Throw away tablecloths.
5. Sculptures may not be completely dry but should be sent home with participants.