

## Play dough

This modeling dough may be used to make figurines used in your child's diorama project.



### You will need:

- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup flour, white or unbleached
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- food coloring (optional)
- clear nail polish or varnish (optional)
- spoon
- bowl
- wax paper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vegetable oil

### Directions:

1. Combine flour and salt in a mixing bowl.
2. Add vegetable oil and boiling water. Stir with spoon until well blended and dough comes away from the sides of the bowl. When it is cool enough to handle, knead the dough with your hands until it is smooth. This should only take a minute or two.
3. If you want colors other than white, separate the dough into two or three balls. Flatten the ball and make a well in the center. Add 2 or more drops of food coloring to the well - 2 drops for a pastel color, more for deeper colors. Knead the dough until the color is even.
4. Store your finished dough in an airtight bag or container. Store the dough in the refrigerator. Be sure to let it warm to room temperature before using.
5. Pinch off as much dough as you need to make your shape and leave the rest in the sealed container. Work the dough into any desired shape with your hands.
6. When you have finished molding your shape, put it on a piece of wax paper to dry. It should dry overnight to a hard finish. Pieces may be left plain or can be painted to add detail and color to your project.

