

# AIR DRY CLAY



## Directions:

1. Combine baking soda, cornstarch, and water into the pot. You can use a sauce pan or even a skillet for this.
2. Stir until all ingredients are blended.
3. Place the pot onto medium heat stove top.
4. Stir continuously until the mixture is paste like in consistency. (A)
5. Remove the clay from pot and place onto a damp paper towel.
6. Let clay cool. Once it is cool, remove from towel and work with your hands to create a nice smooth clay.
7. If it is too sticky (too much water), let it dry out a bit by continuing to work it with your hands.
8. Now you can play with your clay!
9. Allow to dry for about 12 hours. The thicker your creation is, the longer it will take to dry.
10. You can then decorate with markers or paint. You can also color the dough before it dries, by coloring the water with food coloring. Or you can put the food coloring directly onto the prepared dough.- (you will get colored fingers with this second method!).
11. If you want to hang your creation, remember to make a hole in it before it dries.



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## Notes:

-This clay may crack during the drying process. Slow air drying will decrease the likelihood of cracks.

This clay will be fragile, unlike commercial air dry clays.

-There are several air dry clay recipes out there. Some recipes use white glue, this would make the dried project stronger, but I wanted a recipe that used ingredients most households would have. We do not have white glue in our house at this time!

-There was an amazing recipe using cornstarch and moisturizer that was no bake. It felt and smelled awesome, but it crumbled to pieces when dried. For process art that you don't want to keep, I highly recommend it. I used 3 Tbl. of cornstarch to 1 Tbl. hand moisturizer. Mixed and then worked it in with hands. If it's too crumbly, add a bit more of the moisturizer, too wet, add some cornstarch. I really loved playing with this clay!

-You can also just use the home made play dough recipe to make texture prints. That air dries adequately.