Lazy Mom Life Hacks



MIY Kids Summer Activity Kits

7 Recipes for Busy Kids All Summer Long



DIY BIRD FEEDERS

INGREDIENTS

3/4 CUP BIRDSEED

1/4 CUP WATER

1 SMALL PACKAGE OF GELATINE

TWINE OR STRING

COOKIE CUTTERS, MOLDS OR MASON JAR LIDS

WAX PAPER

INSTRUCTIONS

MIX TOGETHER THE PACKAGE OF GELATINE WITH 1/4 CUP OF WATER AND BRING TO A SIMMER WHILE STIRRING. CONTINUE STIRRING UNTIL THE GELATINE IS DISSOLVED. REMOVE FROM HEAT AND LET COOL FOR A MINUTE. STIR IN THE 3/4 CUP BIRDSEED. ADDING A LITTLE MORE IF THERE IS LIQUID STILL IN THE BOTTOM OF THE PAN. LAY YOUR COOKIE CUTTERS OUT ON WAX PAPER AND FILL HALF WAY WITH THE BIRDSEED MIXTURE. CUT YOUR TWINE, KNOT THE END AND PUSH THE KNOT DOWN INTO YOUR BIRDSEED. CONTINUE FILLING WITH BIRDSEED, COVERING THE END OF YOUR TWINE AND KNOT. PUSH THE BIRDSEED EVENLY INTO THE COOKIE CUTTER UNTIL IT'S FULL. ALLOW THEM TO DRY OVERNIGHT. REMOVE FROM THE COOKIE CUTTERS AND HANG THEM IN YOUR TREES.



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DIY PUFFY PAINT

INGREDIENTS

SHAVING CREAM
WHITE GLUE
FOOD COLORING

INSTRUCTIONS

MIX EQUAL PARTS SHAVING CREAM AND GLUE INTO A ZIPLOCK BAG, ADD YOUR DESIRED FOOD COLORING AND THEN, WITH THE BAG SEALED, SQUISH THE BAG TOGETHER UNTIL ALL YOUR INGREDIENTS ARE NICELY MIXED TOGETHER.

CUT OFF A CORNER AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BAG AND USE LIKE YOU'RE PIPING ICING. ONCE THE ART HAS BEEN COMPLETED, SET ASIDE SO THE FOAM CAN DRY AND SOLIDIFY OVERNIGHT.

WORKS AS SIDEWALK PAINT AS WELL!



DIY BOUNCY BALLS

INGREDIENTS

1/2 CUP WARM WATER

1 TB BORAX

1 TB OF CORNSTARCH

2 TB WHITE LIQUID GLUE
FOOD COLORING
OPTIONAL: GLITTER

INSTRUCTIONS

IN A CUP MIX THE WARM WATER AND THE BORAX.
IN ANOTHER CUP MIX THE GLUE, CORNSTARCH, AND
FOOD COLORING.

POUR THE GLUE MIXTURE INTO THE WATER-BORAX CUP. THE GLUE MIXTURE WILL HARDEN AFTER 10 SECONDS; USE A FORK TO TAKE IT OUT OF THE WATER. IF THE GLUE MIXTURE IS STILL STICKY, SQUISH IT WITH YOUR HANDS AND DIP IT BACK IN THE WATER. ROLL THE MIXTURE IN YOUR HANDS TO MAKE A BALL.

LET DRY, BOUNCE AND ENJOY!!



DIY KINETIC SAND

INGREDIENTS

BAKING SODA
BAKING POWDER
DISHWASHING LIQUID
A MIXING BOWL AND SPOON
FOOD COLOURING
OPTIONAL: GLITTER

INSTRUCTIONS

MIX TOGETHER 2 PARTS BAKING SODA AND 1 PART BAKING POWDER ALONG WITH 1 PART OF DISHWASHING LIQUID IN A LARGE BOWL.

STIR THE MIXTURE WITH A SPOON UNTIL A SANDY/DOUGHY SUBSTANCE FORMS. KEEP ADDING BAKING POWDER IF THE MIXTURE SEEMS TOO WET. ADD 4-5 DROPS OF FOOD COLOURING.

KNEAD THE MIXTURE TOGETHER UNTIL IT FEELS SANDY AND DOUGH-LIKE BUT NOT WET. IF YOU HAVE TO, ADD SOME MORE BAKING POWDER AT THIS POINT TOO IN ORDER TO MAKE IT FLUFFY. STORE YOUR MIXTURE IN A PLASTIC CONTAINER AFTER YOU FINISH PLAYING WITH IT!



DIY SLIME

INGREDIENTS

BORAX POWDER (1/2 TEASPOON)
WHITE CRAFT GLUE (1/4 CUP)
WATER (1/2 CUP)
2 BOWLS
2 SPOONS
FOOD COLOURING
OPTIONAL: GLITTER

INSTRUCTIONS

IN ONE BOWL, COMBINE 1/2 TEASPOON OF BORAX WITH 1/4 CUP OF WATER. MIX WELL AND SET ASIDE TO DISSOLVE. IN THE OTHER BOWL, COMBINE 1/4 CUP OF GLUE WITH 1/4 CUP OF WATER. STIR UNTIL WELL COMBINED. ADD FOOD COLOURING TO YOUR WATER AND GLUE MIXTURE AND MIX IT WELL. IF YOU ARE USING GLITTER THIS IS THE TIME TO ADD IT.

SLOWLY ADD THE WATER AND BORAX MIXTURE TO THE GLUE MIXTURE STIRRING CONSTANTLY. IT WILL BEGIN TO THICKEN. ADD THE WATER AND BORAX MIXTURE TO THE GLUE AND WATER MIXTURE UNTIL YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH THE SLIME CONSISTENCY.



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DIY SIDEWALK CHALK

INGREDIENTS

POTTERY PLASTER OR PLASTER OF PARIS
WATER
FOOD COLOURING
SILICON MOULD
SPOON
BOWLS

INSTRUCTIONS

ADD 2 TBSP OF WATER TO A SMALL BOWL AND ADD 3 TBSP OF PLASTER POWDER. ADD 6-8 DROPS OF FOOD COLOURING. MIX WELL. ADD A FEW DROPS OF WATER IF MIXTURE IS TOO DRY.

ADD MIXTURE TO SILICON MOULD, PRESSING FIRMLY.

LET DRY OVERNIGHT AND THEN REMOVE FROM MOULD AND COLOUR!



DIY VOLCANO

INGREDIENTS

2 TABLESPOONS OF BAKING SODA
1/2 TEASPOON OF SALT
DISH LIQUID
FOOD COLOURING
VINEGAR
SCISSORS
PARTY HAT
SMALL GLASS JAR

INSTRUCTIONS

POUR BAKING SODA AND SALT INTO THE BOTTOM OF THE JAR.
COVER WITH A SQUIRT OF DISH SOAP AND A FEW DROPS OF FOOD
COLOURING.

CUT THE TIP OFF OF THE PARTY HAT AND PLACE HAT OVER THE JAR. SLOWLY POUR IN VINEGAR AND WATCH THE VOLCANO ERUPT!

NOTE: ADD PLASTIC TEST TUBES, CUPS AND FUNNELS TO THIS KIT AND ALLOW CHILDREN TO PLAY "SCIENCE" ANYWAY THEY WANT!



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