

Summer Scented Play Dough

Celebrate the warm weather coming with watermelon, lime, orange, and coconut scented homemade play dough! Sensory play that suits the season is so much fun for young kids and creates such happy memories.

For each type of play dough, you'll need the following ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 Tablespoon cream of tartar
- 1 cup water

Mix all the dry ingredients and then stir in the oil and water.

Pour the mixture into a non-stick skillet and heat over medium heat, stirring constantly.

It will start out as a thick liquid, but will quickly thicken into a play dough consistency.

I stir it using a heat-proof rubber spatula. As it thickens, I flip the whole mass over in the pan to get rid of any goopy spots.



Watermelon Scent: For this version, I added one packet of watermelon Kool-Aid to the mixture BEFORE cooking the play dough. The Kool-Aid colors the dough as well as scents it, so you won't need any food coloring. Super easy.

Lime, Orange, and Coconut Scent:

Make the play dough following the recipe above. I made a triple batch so that I would have a batch of each scent. Let it cool. Then knead in several drops of food coloring and 1/2

tsp of your choice of extract. You may want to knead in additional extract if the scent is not strong enough. I used at least 1 tsp total for the coconut, which was the lightest scent. It didn't take nearly as much lime to get some yummy smelling play dough. I found lime, orange, and coconut (imitation) extracts in the baking aisle.

NOTE: The orange extract smells great, but orange Kool-Aid would be easier.

To Mix in Color and Scent: Hollow out a little spot in the center of the play dough to hold the coloring and extract. Then, fold it over and knead it well. (This photo shows her working right on the kitchen counter, but it's really better to put something under the play dough. The food coloring can stain. Once it's all mixed through the dough, it won't stain anymore.)

