

How to Mold Your Own Clay



Ingredients

- ★ 2 cups water
- ★ 3 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ★ ½ cup salt
- ★ 1 tablespoon cream of tartar
- ★ 2 ½ tablespoons vegetable oil
- ★ Liquid food coloring (pink or red)



Equipment

- ★ Medium-sized pot
- ★ Large mixing bowl
- ★ Wooden spoon
- ★ Baking sheet



Preparation (Kids, please ask an adult for help!)

In a large bowl, mix the flour, salt and cream of tartar, stirring with a wooden spoon until combined.

Using a medium-sized pot, bring the water to a boil. Slowly drip your food coloring into the water to reach the desired color for your Kirby. Once the water begins to boil, remove the pot from the heat and add the oil.

Carefully pour the heated water/oil mixture into the bowl with dry ingredients, stirring thoroughly until mixed. You'll know you're done mixing when the clay feels smooth and like thick dough.

Let the clay cool until it's slightly warm and comfortable to handle. Transfer to a baking sheet to knead the clay until it's pliable and can easily be pinched between two fingers but is firm enough to hold its shape.

You're now ready to mold the clay into Kirby! Once you've completed your masterpiece, simply let it air dry overnight. You can even paint it once it's dry! (Tip: If you aren't ready to mold your Kirby, you can save it for later use by placing in an airtight container.)