

Equipping your Grade R classroom

MAKE YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT

Stocking your classroom with good quality equipment need not cost a lot of money. On these pages, we show you how to do it.

Soft no-cook play dough

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 2 tablespoons alum (available at chemists)
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 cup and 2 tablespoons boiling water
- 1 bottle food colouring

Mix and knead.

Store in plastic containers

Iridescent soap bubbles

- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons liquid detergent
- 1 tablespoon glycerine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon sugar

Mix together.

Chunky rainbow crayons

Little fingers benefit from using chunky crayons. Don't throw away old crayons. Remove the paper from the crayons and melt them slowly over a low heat. Pour into metal or silicone cookie trays or into ice cube trays. When the wax sets pop them out of the trays.

Puff paint

- 2 parts shaving cream
- 1 part wood (white) glue
- Food colouring

Mix together and place in squeeze bottles.



Finger paint

- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup dry starch
- 1 cup cold water
- 3 cups boiling water
- 1 cup soap flakes (grated Sunlight[™] soap)
- a few drops of oil of cloves (available at chemists)
- food colouring

Dissolve the starch in cold water. Smooth out lumps and add the boiling water. Keep stirring until the mixture thickens (do not allow to boil).

Glitter paint

- 1 cup mixed paint
- 8 teaspoons salt

Mix well.

Glue

- 1 teaspoon flour
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch (Maizena)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon alum (available at chemists)
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup water

Mix the dry ingredients and add the water slowly while stirring out the lumps. Cook in a double boiler over a low heat. Remove from heat when the paste thickens and store in a jar. Thin with water as and when you use it.