

ACTIVITY

Fun with Clay

Suitable for children aged 6 to 8



Taking inspiration from Laotian artist Souliya Phoumivong, make this home-made playdough and create your own characters and landscapes.

What you'll need: • 1 cup flour
• 1/2 cup salt • 1/2 cup water •
Food colouring or
washable paint



Method:

1) Place the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl.
2) Pour the water in until your dough is soft and pliable.
Knead well. If it is too wet, add a bit more flour. If it is too dry, add a little more water.

3) Divide it into portions and add a few drops of colouring to each portion of dough. Knead well to spread the colour*. Now you are ready to play!

*The colour can stain, so place the dough on a tray before working in the colour. You might want to use plastic gloves too.

To store: Place the different coloured dough in separate zip-lock plastic bags and store in the fridge. It will last for 3 to 4 weeks.



If you want to make your creations permanent, bake your dough figures until they are hard.

To bake

- Pre-heat the oven to 100°C.
- Place your dough sculpture on a baking pan and bake. For smaller/thinner pieces, bake for 45 mins to 1 hour. For thicker/bigger pieces, try 2 to 3 hours. Remove only when it is hard.
- Coat it with a few layers of varnish to protect your masterpiece.