

Summer of Creativity

Spooky Creations

with Ignite Imaginations artist, Jordanna

Get a little messy making your own modelling play clay and creation using cupboard ingredients

In this session you will learn to create your own spooky vampire

What you will need

- 2 mixing bowls and a spoon
- A tablespoon for measuring
- A measuring jug
- 8 tablespoons of plain flour
- 2 tablespoons of fine salt
- 60 ml of warm water
- 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil
- Food colouring (optional)
- A pencil and other things you can find to make a mark in your clay, such as a straw
- A sandwich bag/cling film for storing your play clay



Jordanna's top tip:

If you put your modelling clay wrapped up in the fridge then you can keep playing with it for up to two days.

Step-by-Step Instructions

Ignite Imagination's advise that this activity should be carried out under the supervision of an adult.

Making your Play Clay

- 1) Before you start, wash your hands, roll up your sleeves and ask an adult to help you get an apron or something old to wear
- 2) Measure 8 tablespoons of plain flour and pour into your mixing bowl. Add 2 tablespoons of salt and stir the salt and flour together.

In another bowl mix together the 60ml of warm water and the tablespoon of vegetable oil. If you have food colouring and would like to change the colour of your clay then add a few drops. For a darker colour, add more food colouring. (Be careful food colouring doesn't go on your clothes)

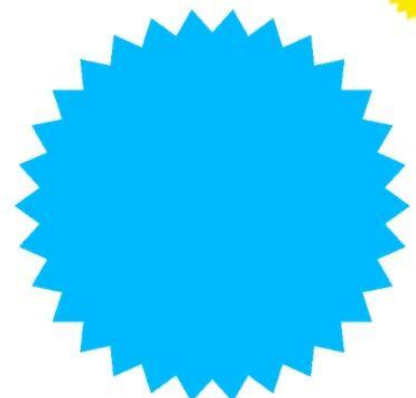
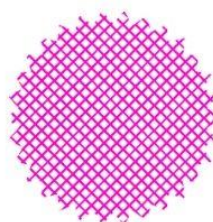
- 3) Pour the watery ingredients into the flour and salt and mix together thoroughly. Mix until you can roll your play clay into a ball.

You can put a bit of flour on your hands and then put your hands into the dough and roll it into a lovely smooth ball.

(If the ball is crumbly you can add a tiny bit more water until it is nice and smooth. If it's sticky or really floppy you can add a bit more flour until it is dryer and a bit stiffer.)

- 4) You could make more than one ball of clay and more creatures if you would like. To store the play clay, keep it in a sandwich bag with the air squeezed out or wrap it in cling film and keep it in the fridge.

Please note play clay is not for consumption.



Making a Vampire Shape

1) Before you start making your vampire, experiment with your play clay and see what kinds of marks you can make in it. You can use all sorts of objects from around the house like a straw, spoon or button and see what marks they make. What objects can you use to put a mark into your play clay? How could those marks be useful for your vampire or other spooky creatures?

Children should always be supervised when using sharp objects.

2) Start by rolling a lovely smooth ball with your clay before you make any shapes out of it. Roll a small ball to make the head. Press it onto a larger sausage shape which will be the body.

3) Roll two smaller sausage shapes and press onto the sides of the body to become arms. Roll two sausages and tuck under the body to make legs and sit your vampire off the end of a table or shelf. Then, roll a ball, flatten it out and cut it into a rectangle then tuck it behind the neck to make a cape.

4) Now it's mark making time!! Use a spoon to give your vampire their hair shape and a knife to show strands of hair. Use mark making tools/ objects from around your house to create eyes, nose, mouth and teeth. Then you can get creative here and make your vampire, buttons, a bow tie, fingers and shoes...whatever you fancy!

5) You probably have some clay left over...what else can you make? A monster? A zombie?



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