

6-10 Activity Sheet



Paper Clay

Make your own air dry clay

What you will need

- Old newspaper, shredded office paper or roll of toilet paper
- Flour - 1 part to 3 of pulp
- Salt - 1 teaspoon
- Bowl
- Hot water
- Stick blender/cake mixer
(great to use, but can be done by hand)



How to

- Tear paper into thin strips, place in bowl and cover with very hot water. Let soften overnight
(If using toilet paper, simply remove cardboard roll and soak as is)
- Once soft, mix paper into a smooth pulp using blender
- Squeeze out excess water and determine quantity of flour required (1 part Flour to 3 parts Pulp)
- Mix salt and flour and then add to the pulp gradually, mixing and kneading until it starts to clump

If you can mould it and it holds, it's ready!

Adding salt will help keep the paper clay, and it can be stored in an airtight container in the fridge for 2 to 3 weeks

Get making!

Use the clay as you would papier mache - with armatures, around balloons or bowls; or like you would clay - moulding shapes.

Set completed work in a dry spot to air dry - this will take one or two days depending on size and weather. Placing it in the sun will speed things up and the thicker or bigger a piece, the longer it will take.

Leave your work to dry thoroughly before painting

Use the pictures overleaf for ideas and techniques.

