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COFFEE CLAY

This easy to make dough is fun for nature prints, sensory play, and DIY fossils.

MATERIALS

- 1 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup used coffee grounds
- 1/2 - 1 cup coffee or water
- Mixing bowl
- Spoon
- Parchment paper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a bowl, add the flour, salt, and coffee grounds.
2. Mix well.
3. Slowly add the liquid, one 1/4 cup at a time. The dough should be pliable and not stick to fingers. If the dough is too wet, add a bit more salt and flour. If the mixture is too dry, add liquid one tablespoon at a time until you get the right consistency.
4. Dump your coffee clay ball onto a piece of parchment paper.
5. There are many ways to play with this dough.
   a. Use it as sensory dough. With its different textures and coffee smell, it’s a great tool for sensory play.
   b. Gather found materials and make nature faces. Pull off a bit of the dough and roll it until it forms a ball. Flatten the dough into a circle, thick enough to press in found material like grass, leaves, flowers, or pine cones to make fun and wacky faces.
   d. Fossil dough. If you have plastic dinosaurs at home, use them to press shapes and footprints into the coffee clay.
6. To dry: allow to air dry on parchment paper for 48 hours.
7. You can also keep your coffee clay for up to a week in an airtight container.

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