

FIG at Home

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.
 - c. Nature prints (pictured above). Press plant matter into the dough for prints.
 - 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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