

Playdough Eggs

For grades PK-3

Explore: Make eggs out of playdough. Fun inside or outside. Work on a nonporous surface. Plastic placemats work well, or a flannel backed "picnic" table cloth.

Create: Children will pinch off and roll various sphere shapes depending on skill level and goal.

Reflect and Share: <u>Bird</u>- How many eggs fit in the nest without getting squished? <u>Salamander</u>-How long of a rope can you make? <u>Frog</u>- how many little balls can you stick together?

Materials: Playdough: **Combine** 1 cup flour, 1/2 cup salt and 2 teaspoons cream of tartar in a large saucepan. **Gradually stir** in 1 cup water mixed with 2 tablespoons of oil. 1 teaspoon food coloring optional. **Cook** over medium to high heat, stirring constantly until a ball forms. Remove from heat, cool and knead until smooth on a non porous surface.

Use a small bowl or cup for or a nest if children have not made nests already.

Why: Problem Solving, Self Direction, Fine Motor, Creativity





