



## Making Finger Paint

Finger painting is very popular with young primary pupils. Using finger paints helps young pupils to develop coordination, learn the colors, discover designs, and explore textures.

### Objectives:

- Teacher will make finger paint using natural materials from the environment
- Pupils will gain experience in expressing themselves using finger paint

### Materials:

- ½ cup finely chopped soap chips
- 1 cup cornstarch
- 6 cups water
- 1 large sauce pan
- crushed colored chalks
- storage containers with lids such as glass jars, plastic containers

### Directions:

1. Get a large saucepan.
2. Place the soap chips, cornstarch and water into the saucepan.
3. Mix together.
4. Place the saucepan on a cooker.
5. Turn the heat to medium.
6. Bring mixture to a boil while stirring constantly.
7. Remove the saucepan from the cooker when the mixture has thickened.
8. Turn off the cooker.
9. Pour the mixture into small jars or containers.
10. Place one color of crushed chalk in each container.
11. Mix together the mixture in each container while it is still warm.
12. Let the mixture cool.
13. Put on the lids.
14. Store in a cool place.
15. Use the mixtures as finger paint by placing a tablespoon full of the mixture on paper.
16. Smear the finger paint around with the hands and fingers. – making designs or a picture.
17. Let the design or picture dry on a flat surface over night.
18. Display the picture in the classroom, the head teacher's office or display area.

### Variations:

- Add other textures to the finger paint such as salt, coffee grounds, or sand
- Add scents such as vanilla, cinnamon, perfume, or liquid hand soap
- Add ingredients such as talcum powder or glitter

