

## ACTIVITY PAGE

### Christmas Tree Craft



**Materials:**

- Clothes pin
- Popsicle sticks
- Pom pom (different colors)

Strings  
Glitter  
Glue

**Direction:**

Glue the Popsicle sticks in triangle shape, wrap the strings around the Popsicle sticks. Have fun decorating it with any materials that you like. Use the clothes pin for the stand.

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## How to Make Play Dough



4 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
2 tablespoons table salt  
1/3 cup water  
1 tablespoon of vegetable oil  
4 to 5 drops food coloring

**Mix the flour and salt.** Stir the two together with a spoon.

**Add some glitter to the flour, if desired.** You can use the same color of glitter as you want your play dough to be, or you can use a different color. Extra-fine glitter will work better than the regular kind.

How much glitter you add is up to you. Start with a pinch, then add more, if desired.

**Mix the water and oil in a different bowl.**

**Add 4 to 5 drops of food coloring into the oil-water.** Stir the oil-water again so that the color is even. If you want to make more than one color of dough, pour the oil-water into different cups first, one for each color. Next, add 1 to 2 drops of food coloring into each cup.

**Stir the flour mixture into the oil-water with a spoon.** Scrape the bottom and sides of the bowl often as you stir. From time to time, press down on the dough with the back of the spoon. Keep mixing until the water and flour stick together and form dough.

**Knead the dough on a floured surface.** Sprinkle flour onto a smooth counter or cutting board. Dump the dough onto the flour, then knead it. Keep kneading until the dough turns soft and silky.

**Store the play dough in a plastic container.** A plastic, zippered baggie will work just fine. This will keep the play dough soft when you are not playing with it.

**Make Play dough **Festive** for the Holidays by adding:**

**Glitter**

**Cinnamon or nutmeg**

**Red/Green** food coloring

Rosemary **essential** oil

**Chocolate Mint** (cocoa and peppermint extract)