

The Loom: Salt Dough Recipe

SALT DOUGH RECIPE

1. Mix: 1 cup of flour and 1/2 cup of salt
2. Add 1/2 cup of water.
3. Stir.
4. Add more water or flour as needed to make consistency of play dough.

NOTES ON MAKING SALT MAPS

Salt dough will stay soft and pliant for several hours, but if you leave it uncovered, it will begin to dry out. When using over the period of, say, several days, be sure to wrap extra dough in plastic wrap.

Form salt dough maps on stiff cardboard bases. Old pizza boxes make excellent size and weight of bases. For younger students, consider drawing the outlines of the map with marker before the dough is applied. (Older students may wish to transfer marks as well before starting.)

After the salt map is formed, it will take almost a week to dry. Place it out of the way in a place no one will touch or harm it. After it is dry, it will be hard to the touch (like a rock). When it is thoroughly dried, it is easy to paint with poster paints, Tempra™ paints, or acrylic paints.

