



## Bird Nest Playdough Activity

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Make your own cute playdough birds and  
build nests for them to raise chicks in!



~ A quantity of Brown Playdough ~

### Basic Playdough Recipe

2 mugs of flour

1 mug salt

2 tablespoons Oil

2teaspoons cream of tartar

1 ½ mugs water

1 Tsp food colouring

- Place all the ingredients into a saucepan and mix together.
- Cook over a medium heat until the mixture becomes a dough and leaves the sides of the pan cleanly.
- Turn the dough out onto a floured surface and knead until it is smooth.
- Cut into sections and colour each one with different food dyes.
- Store in an airtight container.
- This Playdough should keep well for a maximum of 2 weeks .

**For each Playdough Bird Nest  
You will need**



**Selection of yellow & Orange papers & materials**

**Circular wicker basket ~ The nest**

**Hay**

**Strips of brown paper.**

**Brown Playdough**

**Pencil** – tool for making the bird eye impressions

**Scissors to cut triangle beaks.**

**ACTIVITY**

Talk about how birds make a warm nest to lay their eggs in.  
How they incubate the eggs and then care for the chicks once hatched.

- Make the birds by rolling a large ball of dough for the body and one slightly smaller for the head.
- Join the two together.
- For each wing roll a smaller ball of dough and squash it.
- Mould it to the side of the bird and then repeat for another wing.
- Use a variety of materials & fabrics to cut a triangle beak from.
- Push into place and make some eyes with a pencil tip or modelling tool.