



## ***Fun & Easy Activities to Keep Busy***

***With things you already have at home!***

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### **Bubble Foam**

#### **What You Need:**

¼ c Tear Free soap

½ c Water

Hand mixer

Tub/ items to use in it.

Food coloring (optional)

#### **Directions:**

Pour soap and water into Tupperware container, add food coloring and whip with the hand mixer for a minute. Add spoons, spatulas etc.

### **Yogurt Silly Putty**

#### **What You Need:**

**1 cup** non-chunky yogurt

¾ **cup** corn starch

#### **Directions:**

Mix the ingredients together.

When no longer sticky, pick it up and roll into a ball. If too dry add yogurt, too sticky add corn starch.

Provide some cookie cutters, plastic knife, or popsicle sticks to explore with.

## Rainbow Spaghetti

### What You Need:

16 oz Spaghetti

Gel color

Craft trays and gloves



### Directions:

Cook spaghetti so it is al dente, rinse over with cold water and section out onto the trays. Pat spaghetti until it is dry and add the gel color to your preferred color (wear gloves). Allow to dry about 45 minutes before playing with so that the color does not rub off on the children. Add to a large, shallow bin, (under the bed size) and allow for exploring.

## Pudding Slime

### What You Need:

1/4 cup instant pudding mix

1 cup corn starch

1/3 cup warm water

### Directions:

Mix the pudding and half of the cornstarch in a medium sized bowl. Add the water and continue to mix until a slime is formed (it will still be sticky). Slowly add the rest of the corn starch. It should become thicker and hard to turn with a spoon, but you will still be able to knead it with your hands.

## Disappearing Egg

### What You Need:

16 oz mason jar with lid and ring (or any other clear jar-like container)

White vinegar

Fresh egg

### Directions:

Place egg in jar. Add vinegar **leaving about ½ inch from the top** (this is important so that it doesn't explode)!

Loosely cover with the top so that gasses can escape. Let it sit for about two days, rinse off egg with water and no more shell!

Older children can chart the egg daily and make predictions.

### What is Happening?

The shell dissolves because it contains calcium carbonate, the main ingredient in many antacid tablets. This dissolves in the acidic vinegar to produce calcium ions (which stay dissolved in the vinegar) and carbon dioxide gas. The carbon dioxide produces the bubbles that you will see while the egg is dissolving.

## Magic Milk

### What You Need:

Milk

Liquid Food Coloring

Dish soap

Cotton swabs

13x9 glass pan



### Directions:

Pour a thin layer of milk in the pan. Have the kids drop the food coloring into the pan, too little color and the experiment doesn't work as well. I suggest at least 4 colors. Dip a Q-tip in the dish soap and hold for about 15 seconds in the pan. Get ready for oohhs and aahhs!

### What is Happening?

The milk has fats and minerals and the soap breaks it and moves it around. Repeat the q-tip and soap dipping until the milk stops swirling and then start over!

## **Egg & Paper Plate Shakers**

### **What You need:**

Any leftover plastic Easter eggs or two heavy duty paper plates

Duct tape or electrical tape for eggs, stapler for plates

Beans, rice, beads, jingle bells, whatever you have at home that will make noise when you shake them.

### **Directions:**

If using the plate method have the children decorate with crayons or markers.

Fill egg and plate with what you found at home, get your little helpers involved here.

Tape your egg so there is no chance of opening or staple your plates together around the edges (leave no open spaces).

Put on some music and start shaking your homemade instruments.

## **Sidewalk Chalk Paint**

### **What You Need:**

Cornstarch

Water

Food coloring

Bowls or washed yogurt containers work great!

Things to paint with: paint brushes, q-tips, spoons, sticks, etc.

### **Directions:**

Mix equal part cornstarch and water until the consistency is not too thick but not too runny either.

Add food coloring until you get the vibrancy you like. Each color will need its own bowl.

Gather the items you are using to paint with and get outside and start creating!