



## Is It Dry or is It Wet?

Some call it goop, others call it oobleck, but a fun time can be had by all when making this mysterious substance.

### What you need — for each child:

1/2 cup corn starch

1/2 cup water

Small bowl

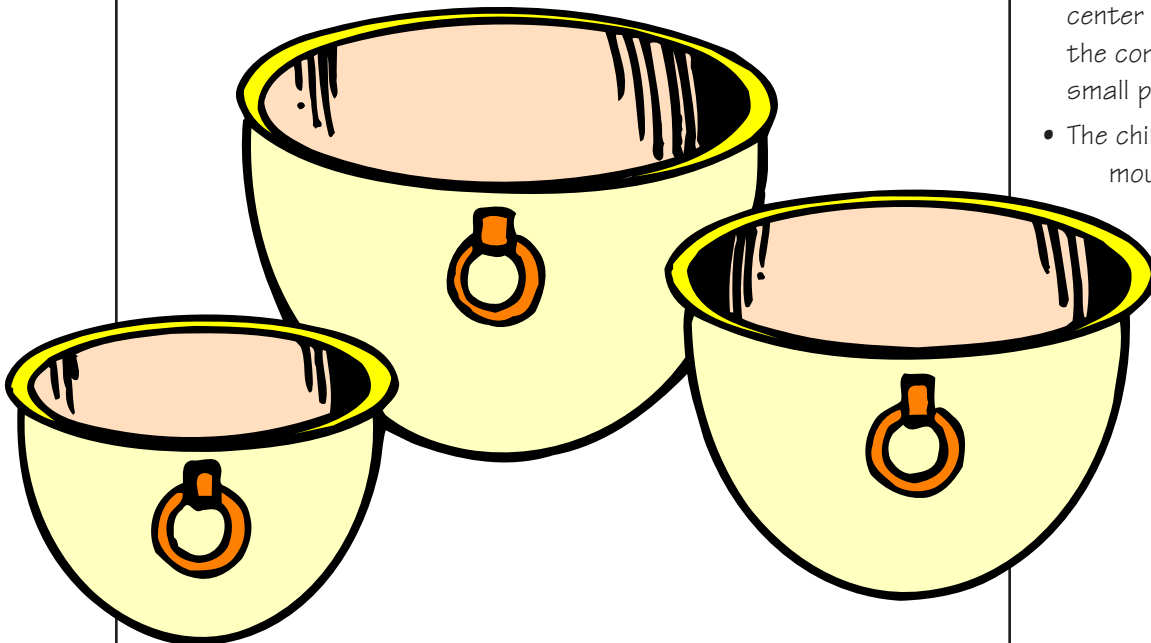
Spoon

Food coloring — optional

Extra water and corn starch

### What to do:

- Add the water to the cornstarch in the bowl. Mix it together using your hands (or the spoon) until the mixture becomes thick.
- Add a few drops of water or a bit more corn starch, if needed. Add a few drops of food coloring for extra color.



## PAPER SNAKES

This is a fun activity for older children who have good fine motor skills. You can make them for younger children who will be amazed to see a snake evolve from a piece of paper.

### What you need:

One 8-1/2 inch by 11 inch piece of construction paper — any color  
Markers or crayons

### What to do:

- Starting at one corner, very slowly and carefully begin tearing the paper into a thin strip along the edge. When you get to a corner just slowly tear your strip around the corner without tearing it off. (This is similar to peeling an apple skin in one piece.)
- Continue with this process around each corner, then over and over until you are at the center of the paper. Round off the corners by gently tearing a small piece off each corner.
- The children can draw eyes and a mouth on one end of the snake to make a face and even decorate the snake with markers or crayons.

## WHAT GOES WHERE?

You can play many learning games with children by having them figure out what things go together. The possibilities are endless. Listed below are some categories. Then have the children find things that go in the category. You can use pictures of things that go in each category you decide to use.

- Birds
- Things that we use to sit on
- Kinds of buildings
- Pets
- Things we can ride on
- Things to eat
- Things to drink
- Colors
- Shapes
- What we wear

## LETTER PEOPLE

Children need lots of practice when learning the letters in the alphabet. One fun way is for children to make a letter shape with their body. Have a letter guessing game, where each child forms a letter with his or her body and the other children guess what it is. They have to use thinking skills to figure out how to do this.

\*A variation is to have the children work in pairs to make a letter together. This is a good way to practice problem-solving skills. It encourages working together and developing social skills.

# Crayon Rubbings

## What you need:

Crayons

Paper

Objects with textures — leaves, coins, buttons, yarn, corrugated cardboard, tree bark, etc.

## What to do:

- Remove the paper from the crayons.
- Have the children choose and place a piece of paper over one of the objects. Then rub, using the side of the crayon, over the paper covering the object. An imprint of the object will magically appear!
- Have the children think of some other things to use for rubbings.



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