

Clean goop

Since the start of this term BB has been going to a science club after school once a week, which is run by Mad science. Last week he came running out, very excited, showing me the slime he made. He couldn't wait to get home to show his sisters.



Each week he also brings home a slip of paper with suggestions for experiments we can try at home. This week, it was clean goop. As he was so taken with his slime I thought we should have a try of the clean goop. Here's what we did.....

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You will need:

- White toilet paper
- Bar of ivory soap
- Warm water
- Mixing bowl
- Big spoon
- Cheese grater
- Resealable bag

First of all, we tore bits of toilet paper up and put it in the bowl. This is a good fine motor skill activity



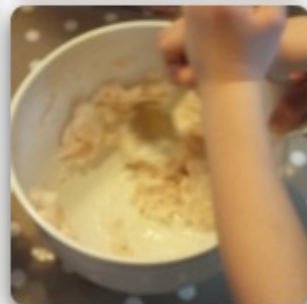
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Next, we grated the bar of soap into the bowl.

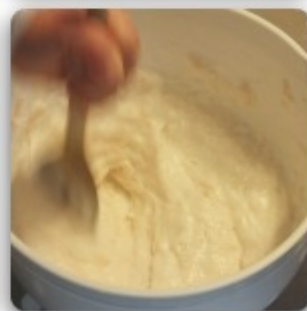


Once the toilet paper and soap was in the bowl, we started adding warm water, slowly whilst mixing,

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There you have it.....



It makes a kind of foamy goop, which smells lovely and clean! The children were rather fascinated with the texture. They spent ages just feeling it, squishing it between their hands and looking at it.

Next, they decided to play with it on the table. They loved spreading it out all over and experimenting with what it could do. They wrote their names in it, drew faces and shapes and generally had a fab messy play session. The bonus of this was....I had a lovely fresh smelling clean table-cloth after!! This has got to be the least stressful and cleanest messy play I have done!

Once they had finished playing, we scraped up as much as we could off the table and placed it in a resealable bag. This will now last for two weeks. However, we actually enjoyed playing with it in the bag. It was yet another texture.

We spent some time writing in it in the bag, another good, fun way to teach letters, numbers and

writing.



The children absolutely loved making the goop. It reminded me of when I was a child and made concoctions. The looks on their faces were wonderful when it started turning into foam. Science is great for children. We were even given an explanation for the reason for this foamy reaction, but my children were a little young to understand that yet.

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