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My Favorite New Paper Mache Clay Recipe Made with Easy "DIY Glue"

This new recipe for paper mache clay doesn't use PVA glue, so you can use any brand of pre-mixed drywall joint compound.

The original idea for using "home-made glue" in paper mache clay came from Rich, "The Ghoulish Cop." Thanks, Rich!

I recently simplified Rich's recipe so it's now much easier to make. It only takes a few minutes to mix it up in your kitchen, and it uses inexpensive ingredients that you probably already have on hand.

I'm really excited about this new recipe – I like it *even better* than my original recipe for paper mache clay.

As a handy resource, print the following page and keep the recipe on hand for your next sculpting adventure. If you run into any problems with the recipe or have some questions, watch the video on this page or leave a comment so we can help.

Have fun! 😊

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No-Glue Recipe for Paper Mache Clay

For the DIY glue/paste:

In a small saucepan, mix:

- 1/2 cup cold water
- 2 tablespoons white flour

Whisk together thoroughly to remove any lumps. Then add:

- 1 teaspoon corn starch
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 capful (about a teaspoon) of white vinegar.

Whisk again until well mixed. Put the pan on a burner set to Medium to Medium-High heat, and stir constantly until the mixture thickens. Then stir another minute until you start to see bubbles, and the mixture comes together.

Put the mixture into a heat-proof container and allow to cool.

For the paper mache clay:

In a medium size bowl, mix:

- 1/2 cup wet toilet paper (24 grams dry, 110 grams wet – see video)
- 1/2 cup pre-mixed drywall joint compound, any brand

When the paper has mixed in completely and there are no lumps, add:

- 1/2 cup corn starch, divided

Put about half of the corn starch into the bowl, and mix well. Then add the rest. If the paper mache clay starts to get too stiff for the motor on your mixer, or if it tries to ride up the beaters, you can finish mixing by hand with a spoon.

To make the paper mache clay the consistency you like, add:

- More corn starch, a little at a time.

When the mixture is too stiff to mix with a spoon, turn it onto a work table and kneed by hand. When it's very close to the way you want it, add:

- 1 capful (about 1 teaspoon) of mineral oil, baby oil, or linseed oil

Kneed the clay some more to mix in the oil. Add more corn starch if needed.

Your new paper mache clay is now ready to use. Keep it in a plastic bag to keep it from drying out. If you can't use it within a few days, store it in the refrigerator. You can use your new paper mache clay for almost any pattern or project on my site. If you try this new recipe, be sure to let us know if you like it or not.

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