

two recipes

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The traditional playdough recipe looks like this: 4 cups flour, 2 cups salt, 4 tablespoons cream of tartar, 4 cups water. Mix together in a large saucepan. Cook over medium heat until stiff. Cool and knead. If you plan to use the dough for sculpting you should also add 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil. My favorite dough for creating projects is a cornstarch dough. It can be made with either salt or baking soda depending on the texture you want to achieve.

Since you're thinking of using this dough for ocean floor you might want to use salt. 1 cup cornstarch, 2 cups salt or baking soda, 1 1/2 cups water. Mix together in a pan, bring to a boil and cook until stiff. Turn out onto a board and let cool, then knead until smooth. Either recipe can be colored either before or after cooking, or they can be painted when dry. Cracks in the dough will appear as it dries, but you can patch them with more dough later.