

# Moon Sand

## Recipe

Makes: 1 small quantity

Prep: 5 mins

Cook: No cook



## Ingredients

8 tbsp flour or cornflour

1 tbsp vegetable or sunflower oil

A few drops food colouring (optional)



## Method

1. Put the flour in a bowl, then slowly stir in the oil and food colouring, if using it.
2. Rub the oil and colouring through the flour with your fingertips, as if you were making pastry, until the mixture feels sandy and no oil is visible. If the mixture seems too dry, add a few more drops of oil, or if the mixture is too soft, add some more flour. The consistency should be a dry, shapeable clay that crumbles fairly easily when squeezed.

- What does the moon sand feel like?
- How can you describe it?
- Do you think this is how the surface of the moon feels?

Why not try making different colours and textures?

If you want a sandier texture (and aren't concerned about whether your moon sand is taste-safe or not), you can add some regular play sand. We recommend mixing 5 tbsp sand, 3 tbsp flour and 1 tbsp oil.

Top tips for playing with moon sand - Moon sand is messier than playdough, so make sure you cover nearby surfaces when you play with it. We recommend putting it in a shallow tray or using it on a tray-table. If you put a sheet underneath the table, you can catch any that falls and re-use it.

How to clean up moon sand - We recommend sweeping the moon sand up with a dry brush and dusting off any equipment as best as you can before washing - the moment water touches moon sand, it goes gluey.

How long does moon sand last? Moon sand keeps in a sealed container at room temperature for up to a month, but discard it if it starts looking grimy.