

mud play



You will need:

- Soil (not compost) in a container or the ground.
- A water supply.
- Old kitchen utensils – metal and wooden.
- Old crockery – metal.
- Stones, shells, pebbles, gravel.
- Leaves, flowers, twigs, wood bark chippings, fir cones, conkers, acorns...
- Enamel jugs, kettle, teapot and mugs.
- Pots, pans with lids, metal colanders.
- Garden and kitchen sieves.
- Recycled glass jars – various sizes.
- Old baking trays, cake tins.

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What to do:

- Combine mud and water and explore its properties.
- Make mud pies.
- Bake muddy cakes.
- Create muddy potions.
- Practice pouring, mixing, sieving and sifting.
- Make muddy monster masks.
- Paint with mud and water.
- Mould mud and dry it out in the sunshine.
- Set the table and serve muddy tea.
- Prepare for a muddy birthday party.
- Make stone soup.
- Wash the muddy dishes.
- Create a muddy obstacle course.
- Have a muddy treasure hunt.
- Jump in muddy puddles and make a mud-slide.
- Make muddy sculptures.
- Dig trenches and water ways.
- Use mud as a construction material.
- Make tyre track prints from the wheeled toys in the mud.
- Dance in the mud in bare feet!



Take it further...

Set up a muddy kitchen cafe that serves morning coffee, lunches and afternoon teas.

1. Set up your muddy kitchen cafe.
2. Decide upon and display your opening times.
3. Assign jobs – cook, waiter, dish washer, manager, cleaner etc. Make badges.
4. Start baking muddy cakes. Decorate them with small pebbles, shells, petals etc.
5. Brew muddy tea with leaves. Pour it into cups.
6. Set the table for 2 customers. You will need crockery and cutlery.
7. Write a large menu and price list using mud and paintbrushes. Display it.
8. Think of a name for your muddy kitchen cafe and create a large sign for it.
9. Take orders and start serving.