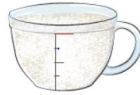


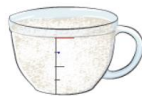
Soap flakes finger paint

What you need

1 to 2 cups warm water



1 cup soap flakes



A couple of drops of food colouring

What to do

1. Add water to soap flakes and beat until stiff.
2. Add a few drops of food colouring or powder paint to colour.

Note: Glycerine added to the mixture will give a shiny effect.

Ideas to try

- Read the recipe with your child/children and help them to measure the soap flakes and to measure and pour the water into the soap flakes. Now mix the flakes with an electric beater yourself to keep your child/children safe. Next, invite your child to select a colour(s) to add.
- Take the finger paint outside to the lawn and use on a plastic tray or table cloth where it is easy to hose off when your child/children are finished playing.
- Finger painting is a wonderful sensory experience for young children as they experiment with ways of moving the paint. Talk with your child/children about how the texture of the soap flakes and how the paint feels using lots of descriptive words for example, 'It's squishy squashy, swirly whirly, smooth and soft, slippery slimy, icky sticky.' Have fun playing with sounds making up your own nonsense words to describe the paint including splodgy, bloggy, ickety slicketty.
- Your child/children will probably comment on the smell of the soap mix too so encourage them to think of lots of different words to describe it.
- Don't forget to take lots of photos for a quite conversation with your child/ children later in the day about their experiences.