



DIY Mud Kitchen Play Food

What is DIY Mud Kitchen Play Food?

Mud Kitchen Play Foods are ordinary stones that have been painted and turned into all types of foods—ranging from fruits and veggies to cakes and ice cream. The beauty in DIY Mud Kitchen Play Foods is that children can be creative and imaginative from start to finish.

Why is DIY Mud Kitchen Play Food a great classroom activity?

DIY Mud Kitchen Play Food helps children work on developing their measuring skills, team building abilities, and engaging in sensory play, and they will be able to play at their own developmental level. This hands-on activity will include painting and collaborating with other children in small group settings.

How can you include this for outdoor learning and for learning in the classroom?

Mud Kitchen Play Foods allow children to enjoy the simplicities that nature has to offer as well as creating important developmental skills between classroom peers when working in small groups. DIY Mud Kitchen Play Food invites children to create masterpieces with open opportunities while building a community among the classroom.

What are the benefits of having materials for indoor and outdoor learning for young learners?

Connecting with nature can be a huge benefit for young learners. Children will develop intellectually, emotionally, socially, and physically. Children will face situations where they will rely on their creativity and problem-solving skills, which allows for growth intellectually. DIY Mud Kitchen Food Play can also help improve children's nutrition by encouraging them to eat more fruits and vegetables.

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Materials:

- Kwik Stix Solid Tempera Paint Pack (18 pack) (Item #145407)
- Smooth Garden Stones
- Mod Podge
- Outdoor Mud Kitchen with Pump (Optional) (Item #32334)
- Mud Mixing Table (Optional) (Item #32335)



1. Prep Each Stone's Surface

Wash your stones in warm water with a mild soap and then let them fully air-dry. Coat the side you wish to paint with a thin layer of Mod Podge. Allow them to dry according to instructions.

2. Paint and Seal

Using Kwik Stix, paint images of fruit and vegetables onto the surface of the stones. Because they are solid tempera paint, the paint will dry fast, making it easy to layer multiple colors. Seal with a top coat of Mod Podge to prevent scratching.

