

# Chase's Crazy Canola Crafts and Science Experiments!

## Berry Playdough! <sup>5</sup>

Have you found extra berries on your nature walk that you want to use in creating something magical?

### Materials for Berry Dye and Berry Playdough:

- 2 cups plain flour [500 mL]
- 1 cup salt [250 mL]
- 2 tbsp cream of tartar [30 mL]
- 2 tbsp canola oil [30 mL]
- 1½ cup berry dye [375 mL]  
*[see below for instructions for berry dye]*
- ½ cup water [125 mL]
- Fairy stones *[stones from outdoors]*
- Googly eyes
- Pipe cleaners
- Sparkles
- Large pot



### Instructions for Berry Dye:

1. Gather your berries. Collect enough to fill half a large pot.
2. Add enough water to just cover the berries.
3. Simmer the berries over low heat for 1½ hours.
4. Strain the juice from the berries roughly 4 times. You can strain once with a cheese cloth as well to remove the pulp and let cool. The juice will yield approximately 4 cups.

### Instructions for Berry Playdough:

1. In a large saucepan combine flour, salt, cream of tartar, and vegetable oil.
2. Add 1½ cups of the berry dye and ½ a cup of water for a strong colour. For a weaker colour use 1 cup of dye and 1 cup of water.
3. Stir over a medium heat until the mixture begins to form a ball, approximately 3-5 minutes.
4. Remove the mixture from the heat and knead until the dough is smooth.
5. To prevent any staining, use a plastic tablecloth or placemat when playing and shaping the dough.
6. Decorate with whatever materials you have available such as pipe cleaners, googly eyes. Have fun!
7. Clean up.