

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Warm it!

Pour milk into a microwave-safe glass bowl or cup and heat it for 1-2 minutes.

Add vinegar to the warm milk. If needed, add more vinegar a little at a time until you see mostly curd in the mixture. Stir the mixture until curd forms.

3. STRAIN IT

Strain out the liquid. Transfer the mixture to a dry paper towel, bundle into a ball and gently squeeze a couple more times to get out all extra liquid. Place onto your prep surface. It should feel like soft, slightly spongy clay.

COLOR IT!

Add a couple drops (just a few!) of your favorite food coloring and gently mash it and roll it in your hands until the color is fully mixed in.

5. SHAPE IT!

Use your imagination (or the help of a cookie cutter) to shape the mixture.

OPTIONAL: If you want to make a keychain or charm, use a toothpick or straw to make a hole for hanging.

DRY ITI

Let it set for 2-3 days until totally dry.

DECORATE IT!

Use puffy paint, glitter glue or your favorite art supplies to decorate your creation.





1 cup whole milk (lowfat or fat free will not work)



4 tbsp white or rice vinegar



Microwave-safe bowl or cup



Paper towels (lots!)



Mesh strainer Food coloring



Solid prep surface: plastic mat, cookie sheet or Aluminum foil



OPTIONAL: Cookie cutter, mold, puffy paint, glitter glue, toothpick or straw

EXPLAIN IT!

MILK CONTAINS PROTEIN. WHEN MILK'S PROTEIN MEETS VINEGAR'S ACID, THE PROTEIN MOLECULES JOIN TOGETHER IN LONG CHAINS, CAUSING CURDS TO FORM. THOSE CURDS CAN THEN BE MOLDED INTO ANY SHAPE. WHEN THEY DRY, YOU HAVE **HOMEMADE PLASTIC!**

