

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- Food coloring (optional; orange would be seasonal)
- 2 tablespoons pumpkin pie spice (or a mix of cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves)

Instructions:

1. **Combine Dry Ingredients**: In a large mixing bowl, combine the flour, salt, and cream of tartar. Add the pumpkin pie spice and mix well.
2. **Prepare Wet Mixture**: In a separate bowl, combine the water and vegetable oil. If you're using food coloring to make it orange, add it to the water for even color distribution.
3. **Cook the Mixture**: Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and mix until smooth. Transfer the mixture to a large pot.
4. **Heat and Stir**: Place the pot over low heat on the stovetop. Continuously stir the mixture to prevent it from sticking to the bottom.
5. **Check Consistency**: Continue stirring until the mixture thickens and forms a large ball. This usually takes about 5-10 minutes.
6. **Cool Down**: Remove the pot from heat and allow the playdough to cool down on a plate or piece of wax paper.
7. **Knead**: Once the playdough is cool to the touch, knead it several times to make it smooth.
8. **Storage**: Store any unused playdough in an airtight container to keep it soft for future use.

And there you have it—a batch of pumpkin spice playdough that's sure to bring some seasonal fun and sensory delight to your seniors!

Happy crafting! 🎃🍂