

## JUNIOR HISTORIANS

# DIY Art Supplies

Thank you for joining us for Little Lincoln's Fireside Tales. We had a lot of fun talking, singing, and learning about art! Follow the instructions below with your parent or caregiver to create your own art supplies using common items found around your house.



### Finger Paint

What you will need:

- 4 Tbsp sugar
- ½ cup cornstarch
- 2 cups cold water
- Food coloring

How to make it:

- Mix sugar and cornstarch in a pot.
- Add the cold water.
- Pour the mixture into a pan.
- Ask parents or caregivers to stir the mixture over medium heat until it gets thick.
- When it cools, pour the mixture into small containers.
- Carefully add a few drops of your favorite food coloring and mix. Then, start painting!

### Chalk Paint

What you will need:

- ¾ cup cornstarch

- ¾ cup water
- Food coloring

How to make it:

- Add 6 teaspoons of the cornstarch to a small bowl.
- In a separate bowl, add 6 teaspoons of water and a few drops of your favorite food coloring. Mix until blended.
- Carefully add the colored water to the cornstarch and mix well.
- Use a wide paintbrush to paint a sidewalk or driveway. If the mixture starts to separate, just give it a quick stir.

### Air Dry Modeling Clay

What you will need:

- 1 ½ cup cornstarch
- 1 cup white school glue
- 1 Tbsp white vinegar
- 1 tsp lotion
- 1 Tbsp baby oil

How to make it:

- Mix all of the ingredients together in a bowl.
- The mixture will be really sticky, so keep adding cornstarch and mixing until it becomes smooth, soft, and sturdy.
- Sprinkle cornstarch onto your table or countertop. Be sure to sprinkle your hands with cornstarch too because they are about to get a little messy!
- Take the clay from the bowl and plop it onto your cornstarch surface
- Knead the ball with your hands a bit more. Add more cornstarch if it's too sticky. If it gets too dry you can revive the clay with just a tiny bit of baby oil.
- Once you can mold the clay and it holds its shape, sculpt your creation!
- Let your sculpture sit for a few hours to dry.