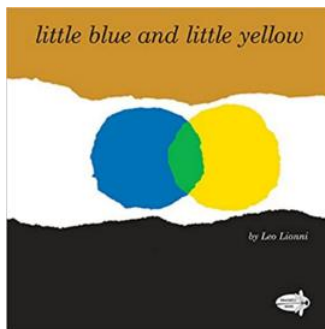




Time: 30-45 minutes
Messiness: moderate
Adult involvement: high

Clay Color Creation!

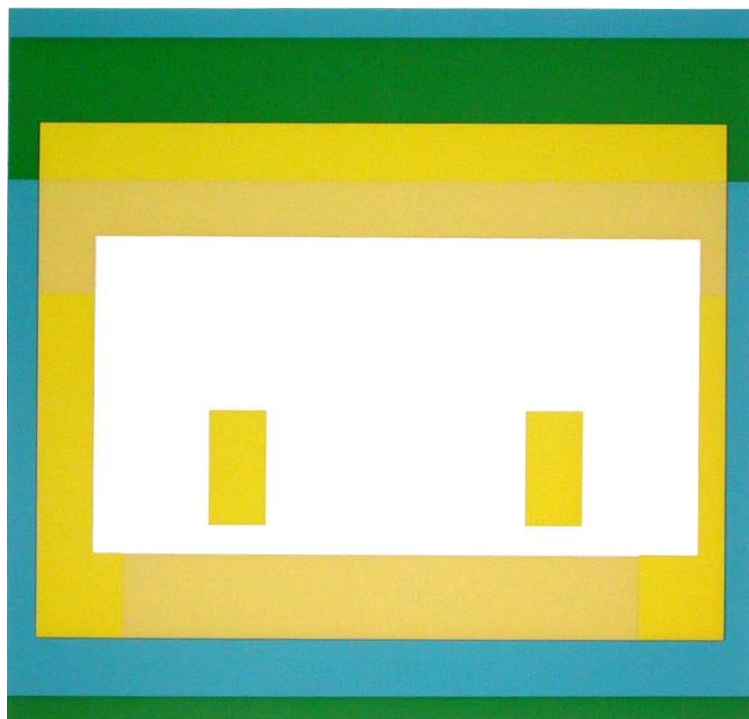


Description: young artists read about color friendships, then use motor skills to make homemade clay and experiment with color mixing!

Story: [“Little Blue and Little Yellow”](#) written and illustrated by Leo Lionni (Dragonfly Books; 2017)

Let’s talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- Count the colors you can find.
 - What name would you give the dark yellow color?
 - Name the medium color yellow.
 - What other colors can you give a new name to?
- This artwork is made up of rectangles.
 - How many rectangle shapes can you count?
 - Which color looks the brightest? Which color feels the darkest?



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Materials Needed

- 1) mixing bowls
- 2) measuring cups
- 3) vegetable oil
- 4) food coloring
- 5) table salt
- 6) water
- 7) flour
- 8) **optional:** cream of tartar



Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) kneading
 - b) grasping
 - c) holding
- 2) Language Development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
- 3) 21st-Century
 - a) critical thinking
 - b) creativity
 - c) collaborating

Project Instructions

- 1) In a large bowl, mix 1 c. (cup) of flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ c. (cup) of salt, and 1 tsp. (teaspoon) cream of tartar (optional). Ask a caregiver for help measuring.



- 2) In a smaller bowl, mix your wet ingredients: $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. (tablespoon) vegetable oil and $\frac{1}{2}$ c. (cup) hot water. Ask for help for perfect measurements.



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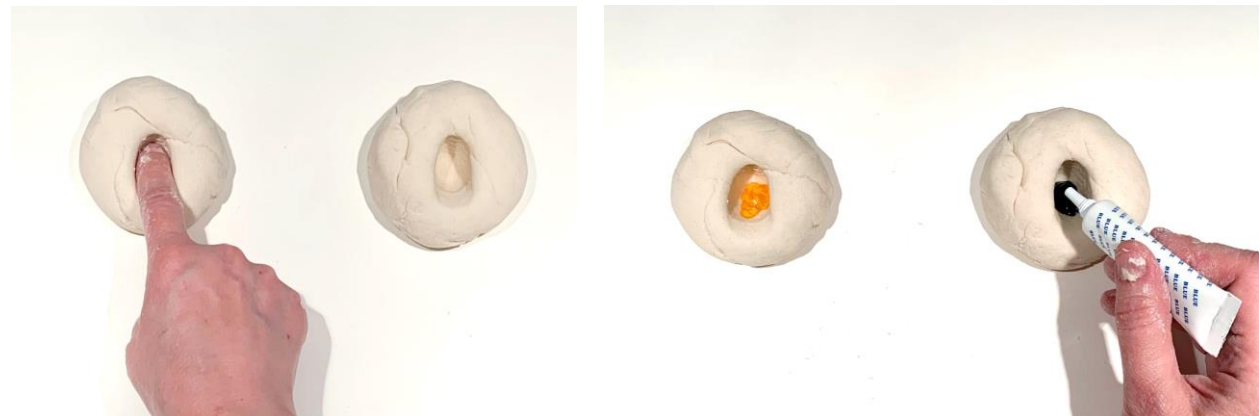
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- 3) Combine both wet and dry ingredients together and mix with your hands. The dough will not be sticky and should not be crumbly.

Helpful hint: if the clay is sticking to hands, sprinkle a small amount of flour over it and mix in until it no longer sticks. Only add a small amount of flour at a time!



- 4) Separate the clay into two balls about the same size. Press your finger into each ball of clay to make a space to hold the food coloring. Pick two primary colors: red and blue, blue and yellow, or red and yellow. Squeeze one color into each clay ball, using equal amounts.



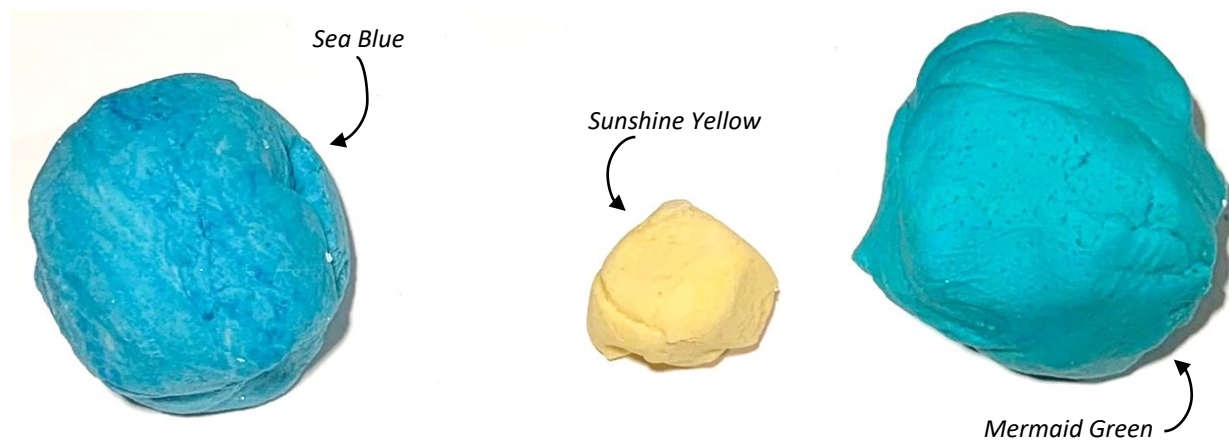
- 5) Blend the colors into your clay by folding and squeezing into hands. Continue until clay looks evenly colored. We named our clay colors *Sunshine Yellow* and *Sea Blue*.



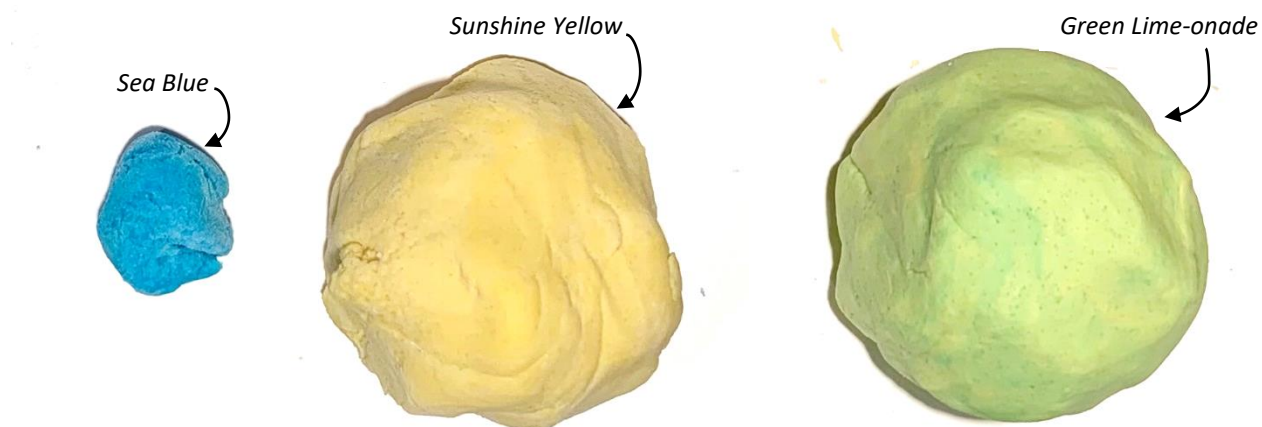
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- 6) Next, mix parts of each of your two clays to create a third color. Use a large piece of one color with a smaller piece of the other color. Use your hands and mix the two by kneading them together. Name the color. We call ours *Mermaid Green*.



- 7) Now, try doing the reverse. Whichever color you used a larger piece of last time, use it for just a small piece. Mix and name this new color. We named ours *Green Lime-onade*.



- 8) Finally, mix equal amounts of your two colors. What will you name this color? We will call this new green *Grassy Knoll*.



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- 9) Make something using all of the colors you blended. Share the names of the colors you created with a caregiver or friend!



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