

Messy Mud

What you will need:

Bowl /Shallow tray, garden plant tray or old baking tray.

Mud - Soil from the garden

Water

Selection of tools – sticks, spoons, brushes or anything of interest.

What to do:

1. Place bowl/ tray on the floor outside.
2. Place some dried mud into the tray.
3. Let the children explore it with their fingers or sticks.
4. Add some water, a little at a time. Mixing and exploring as you go.
5. Make it into a really mushy mixture.

How to extend play:

Add new ingredients, glitter for sparkles.

Add dinosaurs, farm or wild animals to create a new and exciting world.

Add some stones or old cereal, to add more texture.

Some jelly worms or snakes add a new dimension. There are no limits to their imagination.

What are the children learning?

The children are exploring texture and how materials can be changed and how they flow and move.

When using sticks they are mark making to develop the early stages of writing skills.

Also it is great fun!

