

# Moon Sand



When I mentioned to people that I was planning to make moon sand, the response was not at all positive, most parents thinking of small quantities of brown/purple mush, trodden into their carpets. However I was thinking **big** and the results were altogether more favourable. Moon sand works really well as an outdoor activity on a large scale and appeals to a surprising range of ages.

## Materials

Tough spot / Tuff tray / large plastic tray  
15kg bag play sand  
1½ kg corn flour  
Water – approx 5 cups, though this may vary depending on the temperature  
Powder paint (optional)  
Moulds, scoops, spoons, etc

## Method

1. Empty one bag of play sand onto a tough spot.
2. Next add the corn flour.
3. Pour in the water and mix thoroughly.
4. Add powder paint and plenty of it and mix again until you have your desired colour.
5. Let the children loose to start creating!

NB: You may need to experiment a little with the water to get the right consistency. We made this on a very hot afternoon, and whilst 5 cups of water gave us some really gloopy and mouldable sand, it did dry out after a while, so we left water handy for the children to add as and when required.

Amazingly the children playing with the sand ranged in age from 4 to 14, and the adults had quite a lot of fun with it too!

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