

Sidewalk Chalk

Ages 4 and Up

Oh, how I *wish* I had found this project when my kids were little! They would have loved this chalk. Even my big kids are enjoying this chalk...you should see my driveway right now!



You will need...

Plaster of Paris
Dried Tempera Paints
Cardboard Tubes
2" Masking Tape

Directions:

1. Cover your work space with newspaper.
2. Cover one end of each cardboard tube with pieces of tape.
3. In a small bowl mix together 1 cup of plaster, ½ cup of water, and 2 heaping tablespoons of tempera powder. Try to eliminate as many lumps as possible. Disposable rubber gloves come in handy here since I like to use my hands. The mixture should be thick but pourable. If your mixture is too thick add small amounts of water to thin it out.
4. Pour into cardboard tubes. The cardboard will begin soaking up the water and some will leak out the bottom. This is normal.
5. After about 10 minutes, a crater will form in the top of the wet plaster. You can fill this with leftover plaster mixture if you wish.
6. Let the plaster harden for 1 hour.
7. Peel off the cardboard. Vigorous rubbing will get off any excess paper.
8. Even though the plaster will still be damp, you can use the chalk right away. It will take several days for the chalk to dry completely.

*****Do not clean off the plaster in your kitchen sink. The plaster will harden in your drain pipes causing major problems. Take items outside and rinse them off using the garden hose.**

