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# HOMEMADE FLOAM

## SUPPLIES

- 2 tsp. borax
- 1/2 cup of warm water & 1/4 cup of warm water - divided
- 2 oz. of white school glue, tacky glue, and mod podge
- 1-1/3 cup polystyrene beads (bean bag filler)
- Mixing Bowl

## •••OPTIONAL•••

Food coloring or liquid watercolors if color is desired.



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a bowl combine 2 teaspoons of borax with 1/2 cup of very warm water.
2. Mix until the borax is dissolved.
3. In a separate bowl combine 1/4 cup of white school glue with 1/4 cup water. Add several drops of food coloring or liquid watercolors if color is desired,
4. Once the ingredients of both bowls are mixed, pour the glue mixture into a zip seal bag. Add the polystyrene beads and then add the borax and water mixture and seal the bag.
5. Once sealed mix the ingredients of the bag will until the foam is formed.
6. You can use more or less of the borax and water mixture to create different foam consistencies. Use more for a stiffer and more mold-able foam. Use less to create a more slime-like foam. We wanted a stiffer foam, so we used all of the borax & water mixture.
7. Mixing the foam is really fun for kids and is an activity all in itself.
8. After lots of mixing you will have FLOAM! We repeated the above steps to make a variety of colors. To get vibrant coloring you will want to add A LOT of food coloring. You can also use liquid watercolors, which work really well!

Floam is so fun! It can be molded and shaped but is also squishy and gooey. It has a really unique texture that is irresistible to touch.

•••NOTE••• Certain ingredients and/or its combination may cause irritation or adverse reactions to certain individuals. Accordingly, protective equipment such as gloves should be worn.