

Making slime

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Hi - I'm Shannon, and about to show you how to make slime in five minutes yourself, with no mess to upset your mother.



Put a sheet of future board on a table. For this one I will use Horse glue, water and *Glycerin borax*. Glycerin borax is lip-balm, sold in 15 ml bottles in Chinese pharmacies. The borax cross-links glue molecules to make something a bit like rubber but much more fun. For colour I add glitter and dye to the glue.

Slime with Horse Glue

Horse glue makes pretty slime.



1 Pour glue into a pot.



2 Add a little dye and/or glitter.

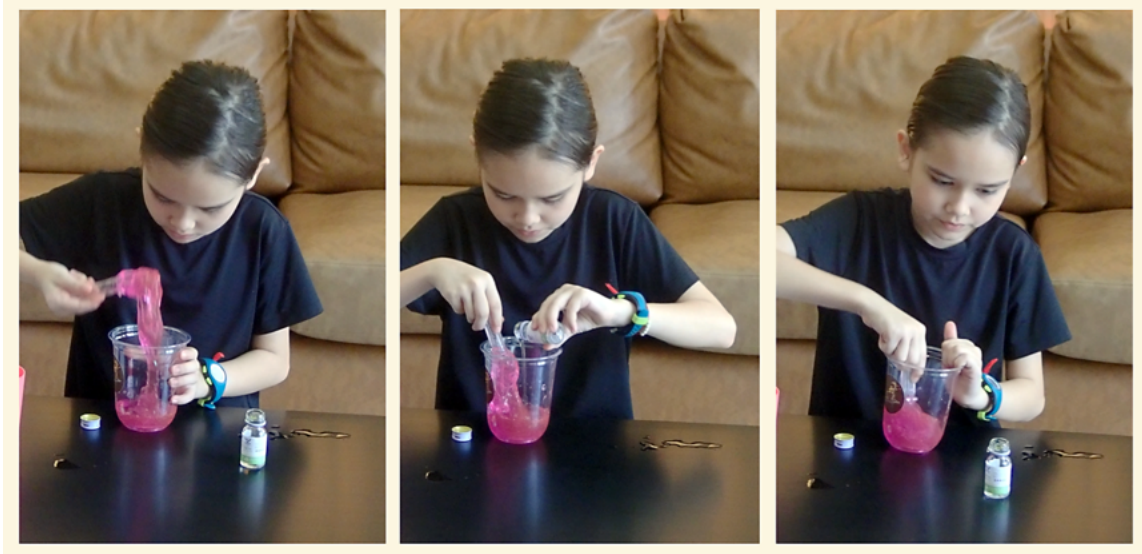


3 Add 20% water and stir.

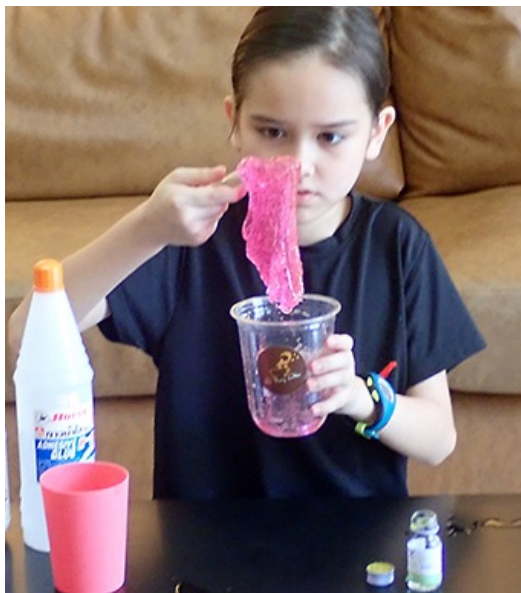


4 Add g-borax a little at a time.

Note: in step 4 add a few cc of g-borax and stir at once. Add more and stir again until it forms a glob on the spoon. When you have a big glob on the spoon, lift it out.

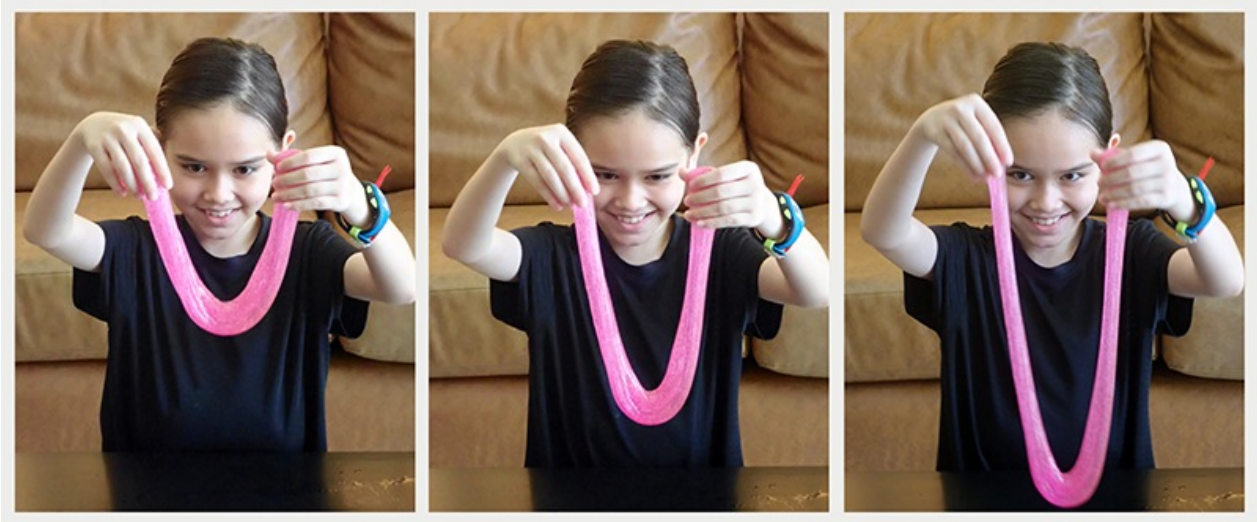


5 Add another cc of glycerin borax to the remaining liquid in the bottom. Put the glob back and stir again.



6 Take the slime out and play with it to improve the texture.

Notes: If your slime is too wet leave it in a pool on the board for an hour and kneed it like bread dough. Room temperature in Bangkok is 28-30°C. In a cooler climate you need to leave it for longer.



If you can't buy Glycerin borax, mix half a teaspoon of borax with water or liquid soap. Borax is sold as ant killer in some places and is on the washing-powder shelves of a US Supermarket.



Horse-glue slime with dye and glitter is very pretty. My glitter comes with dye already in there. If your glitter doesn't have dye you can use food colouring.

Making slime with PVA

To make slime with PVA follow the same steps. This slime is fun to play with but not so good for little kids. Keep it out of your hair, your clothes and the carpets.



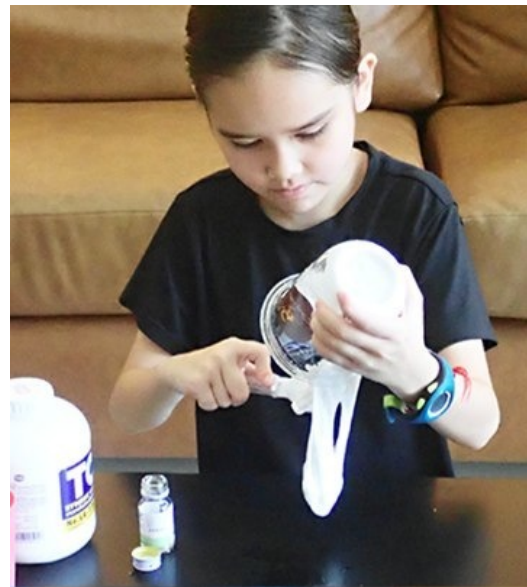
1 Pouring PVA glue into a pot.



2 Adding 20% water until runny.



3 Adding g-borax and stirring.



4 Taking the slime out of the pot.

PVA slime is more stretchy than Horse glue slime and doesn't break so easily when suddenly stretched. It can be sticky if the water content is not just right and I keep it away from my little sister.



Air bubbles

Stirring slime fast when you're making it adds air bubbles. If you want transparent slime with no bubbles use Horse glue with no dye and stir slowly. Leave the fresh slime in a sealed container in a warm place for a day or two. Air bubbles will slowly rise and the slime will clear. Horse-glue slime is not sticky and will break if you pull it quickly. That makes it less messy than PVA slime for little kids to play with.