ULTIMATE SLIME GUIDE

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You can find even more slime, plus handy printables and videos online!
Our homemade slime making journey began several years ago around Halloween time. Who doesn’t love anything that oozes and is creepy and gooey at Halloween? We do! We do! What we love the most about slime is all the fun themes or cool mix-ins you can add for holidays, seasons, special occasions, favorite characters, favorite movies, and any theme your imagination can dream up.

Over the course of the past four years, my son Liam and I have worked with our slime recipes to perfect them. And like any good cookie recipe, some things take a little practice to get right. Your slime may not be picture perfect the first time you make it, but our recipes will set you up for awesome slime, so try again!

Slime is an awesome science activity with a fun chemical reaction which makes slime a cool hands-on learning experience! Slime adds so much value to play. Whether you are making a moldable slime, an extra-squishy slime, or a fluffy slime, kids have the opportunity to immerse themselves in highly engaging, tactile, sensory play. If you love to play with different textures, and know kids who do too, this is the book for you.

We hope the recipes from this *Ultimate Slime Guide* spark your creativity and inspire your own slime recipes!

Happy slime making to all!

~Sarah and Liam
SLIME MAKING SAFETY TIPS

Slime is super fun to make, but it’s still important to keep basic safety tips and practices in mind!

Adult supervision is always recommended. Children should always have adult supervision when making slime. I also recommend adults measure the slime activators (borax, liquid starch, saline solution), especially for younger kids.

Making slime is a science experiment, and a very cool one too! You might think that slime is just something really neat to play with, and you’re totally right! BUT, slime is also chemistry! Like any cool chemistry experiment, you are working with different ingredients and mixtures that create reactions. All slime activities should be properly cleaned up afterwards. Disinfect surfaces, mixing tools, bowls, and any containers.

Wash hands thoroughly after playing with slime and remind kids to not touch their face while playing with their slime. It’s also best to keep slime out of hair, off clothes, and away from furniture and rugs! We play with our slime at the kitchen counter, table, or on a cookie sheet to contain the mess and stay safe.

Do not switch out ingredients if it is not suggested or listed. This can result in an unwanted chemical reaction. It’s never a good idea to substitute the correct ingredients with incorrect ones just to see what happens. Be safe!

Most slimes contain some form of borax or ingredients from the boron family (such as boric acid or sodium borate) which is commonly found in liquid starch, saline solution, contact solution, and eye drops. While we have never experienced skin sensitivities using our Basic Slime Recipes, every person’s skin is different. Please use your best judgement as to whether or not slime making is safe for you and your family. You can use disposable gloves if you are concerned with skin sensitivity.

SLIME TROUBLESHOOTING

What happens when my slime fails?

So you have a slime fail on your hands, a big gloppy mess, and you are wondering what to do about it. For the most part, these slime fails can not be fixed. The best thing to do is start over with your slime. Here’s why:

REASONS FOR A SLIME FAILURE

1. You didn’t use the right type of glue. Make sure you are using a PVA (polyvinyl acetate) glue.

2. You did not use the right slime activator or the correct amounts. Your saline solution should contain both the ingredients sodium borate and boric acid. Liquid starch comes in a bottle. You can not substitute homemade recipes for either of these. Slime Supplies

3. You didn’t read the directions thoroughly, and the steps weren’t followed correctly and/or the ingredients weren’t measured correctly.

4. You added way too much of the mix-ins. This will disrupt the oozing of the slime and cause your slime to break more easily.

5. Kneading is really important to improving the texture of your slime. It also helps to reduce the stickiness particularly in the Fluffy and Saline Solution Slime Recipes.

6. If your slime is still incredibly sticky and you have kneaded it thoroughly, add more slime activator a drop at a time. But add too much and your slime will become stiff quickly!

7. You gave up! Don’t be afraid to try again. You can learn by watching videos on how to make slime at www.LittleBinsForLittleHands.com! If you see a “play” icon in the bottom right corner of slime photo, there’s a video of that slime recipe online. Link to all our videos here.

Go forth and make awesome slime!
Slime is chemistry! Chemistry is all about the way different materials are put together, and how they are made up including atoms and molecules. Go ahead and explore states of matter including solids, liquids, and gasses with your slime. Learn about mixtures and you combine two or more ingredients to form a new substance. Have fun with viscosity as you see how far you can stretch your slime!

GOT A SLIMY MESS?

If you end up with a slimy mess on your clothes, we have two easy solutions for removing the unwanted squishy substance.

Slime Removal Solution #1
Remove as much of the slime as possible from the material. Squirt a dish soap such as Dawn onto the area. Next scrub the area under running water. I use the shirt’s own fabric too scrub. Once all the residual slime is gone, you can wash as usual on laundry day!

Slime Removal Solution #2
Remove as much of the slime as possible from the material. Pour some white vinegar onto the affected area and use a clean scrub brush to remove residue. You may need to add more vinegar and continue scrubbing. Next give your clothing a good rinse. Wash in laundry as usual.

Slime activators -borax, sodium borate, and boric acid- change the position of these molecules in a process called cross linking! This is the reaction between the PVA glue and the borate ions in slime activators. Instead of flowing freely, the molecules become tangled and create the slimy substance. Think wet, freshly cooked spaghetti versus leftover cooked spaghetti

Read more about slime science in the Quick STEM Slime Project Pack!
BASIC SLIME MAKING SUPPLIES

To make our four Basic Slime Recipes, you need to stock up on the best slime making supplies and tools! You can generally pick up these ingredients at your local grocery store or big box store. Because we love slime so much, we buy both our clear glue and white glue by the gallon.

Visit [www.LittleBinsforLittleHands.com](http://www.LittleBinsforLittleHands.com) Our “Recommended Slime Supplies Resource Page” shows all the brands we love to use to make slime! There is also a printable “Slime Supplies Checklist.” Print it out and take it with you to the store. Or keep it handy when you need to stock up. [Recommended Slime Supplies & Slime Supplies Checklist](http://www.LittleBinsforLittleHands.com)

MIXING TOOLS
Medium or large size mixing bowls · Measuring cups · Measuring spoons · Spoons

BASIC INGREDIENTS
White & clear washable PVA school glue · Water · Food Coloring · Shaving Cream

SLIME ACTIVATORS
Baking Soda and Saline Solution* · Borax Powder · Liquid Starch
*Sodium borate & boric acid MUST be ingredients!

SLIME STORAGE

You can keep your homemade slime for quite awhile, if you store it properly. Slime needs to stay covered or else it will dry out. If slime is stored correctly it can last for weeks, but you will probably want to make a new one before that!

SUPPLY LIST
When it comes to storing our slime recipes you have several options.

Plastic Craft Jars · Reusable Plastic or Glass Containers
Novelty Jars · Recycled Deli Containers
Mason Jars · Condiment Cups
Baby Food Jars · Clear Plastic Ornaments

Slime is an awesome party activity. Let your guests make their own slime! Set up a slime mix-ins buffet of glitter, confetti, and more.

Slime is great for party favors too! You can add fun labels to your slime containers. We offer several sizes of printable slime labels. [Printable Slime Labels here](http://www.LittleBinsforLittleHands.com)
THE FUN PART, SLIME MIX-INS

Go beyond everyday slimes and create cool themed slime! Use food coloring, different types of glitter, themed confetti, table scatter, or even small plastic accessories.

There are glitters for every occasion! We have used regular glitter, tinsel glitter, neon glitter, holographic glitter, and gold and silver glitter to make cool slime themes come to life and really sparkle.

Confetti is available for every celebration! Keep an eye out for seasonal and holiday confetti such as leaves, turkeys, feathers, bats, pumpkins, snowflakes, dreidels, hearts, shamrocks, leprechauns, Easter eggs, bunnies, smiley faces, butterflies, stars, or balloons.

It doesn’t stop at glitter and confetti! We use polystyrene foam beads, plastic fishbowl beads, pony beads, and water beads! Try adding colored sand for texture or beach sand from a favorite beach along with a few seashells. Plastic spiders, animals, plastic building bricks, or gems are also great to add to a slime to create a fun theme. Just make sure what you add is/are perfectly washable or easily replaceable. I am always keeping an eye out for themed accessories to add to our slime recipes. Craft stores and dollar stores are perfect places to find these fun additions.

MIX-INS SUPPLY LIST

- Confetti
- Sequins
- Glitter
- Gems
- Pony Beads
- Alphabet Beads
- Foam Beads
- Sugar Beads
- Fishbowl Beads
- Slushy Beads
- Water Beads
- Mini Plastic Items
- Mini Erasers
- Beach Sand
- Pebbles
- Seashells
- Colored Craft Sand
- Iron Oxide Powder
- Glow Powder
- Gelatin Powder
- Instant or Fake Snow
- Soft Clay
- Acrylic Paints
- Liquid Fragrance
- Gold Leaf/Foil Sheets
AN INTRODUCTION TO BASIC SLIME RECIPES

Our four foundational Basic Slime Recipes in this section are the foundations for all of our Unique and Themed Slime Recipes! I will refer back to these pages in those sections. Because these Basic Slime Recipes are so important to making awesome slime, I have laid them out for you with step by step instructions and photographs. You will also find some helpful tips along the way. Remember, you may have to give these slime recipes a few tries to get them just right.

We have used these Basic Slime Recipes for well over 500 batches of super cool slime. In the following sections you will have the chance to “dress up” your slimes using food coloring, glitter, confetti, and fun mix-ins to create awesome themes or just amazing swirls of color.* Use these Basic Slime Recipes to create wild slimes you and your kids will love to play with over and over again!

The BEST slimes start with these Basic Slime Recipes!

*One note about swirling colors: Eventually the colors will blend together. Rainbow Slime (found in pg 50) looks super cool, but as you squish it and play with it, the slime will become a brownish color. However, if you use shades of a similar color, such as the colors in our Under the Sea Slime (found on pg 76), the colors will work more harmoniously with each other as they mix together.
Our Liquid Starch Slime Recipe is truly the quickest slime to whip up, and so easy to customize.
LIQUID STARCH SLIME RECIPE

Initially your slime might appear stringy and very unlike the photos, but it will come together as you knead it.

TIP: After mixing your slime, transfer it to a clean and dry container. Let it sit for 5 minutes before kneading. For thicker slime try adding a ½ cup of liquid starch.

STEP 1
Measure ½ cup of white or clear PVA glue into bowl.

STEP 2
Add ½ cup of water and stir.

STEP 3
Add food coloring (mix-ins too if you wish) and stir.

STEP 4
Add ¼ cup of liquid starch.

STEP 5
Stir until it becomes too difficult with a spoon or craft stick. Slime will start to form instantly.

STEP 6
Pick up the slime with your hands and knead until smooth.

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We have really been enjoying the awesome stretchiness of our Saline Solution Slime Recipe.
SALINE SOLUTION SLIME RECIPE

Give this slime a good quick stir to get it to come together. If your slime is still too sticky after kneading it for a few minutes, add a few drops of the saline solution and knead some more.

TIP: For a stretchier slime reduce saline solution to ½ tbsp. Alternatively, you can add more baking soda for a thicker putty-like slime.

STEP 1
Measure ½ cup of white or clear PVA glue into bowl.

STEP 2
Add ½ cup of water and stir.

STEP 3
Add food coloring and stir. Sprinkle ¼ teaspoon of baking soda on the surface and gently stir into glue mixture.

STEP 4
Add your mix-ins now so that the baking soda doesn’t stick to them. Add 1 tablespoon of saline solution.

STEP 5
Stir the mixture until it begins to pull away from the sides and bottom of the bowl.

STEP 6
Squirt a few drops of saline solution onto your hands. Pick up the slime and knead until smooth.
Fluffy Saline Solution Slime is like playing with a cloud. It has an amazing texture!
FLUFFY SALINE SLIME RECIPE

Make sure to choose a bowl big enough for all the ingredients. Give it a good quick stir to get it to come together. Make sure to knead your slime well before adding more solution if it seems too sticky.

TIP: You can experiment with using less foam shaving cream for a stretchier, fluffy slime.

Measure ½ cup of white or clear PVA glue into the bowl and gently stir.

In a bowl, put 3-4 cups of foam shaving cream and some food coloring. Gently stir to incorporate.

Sprinkle ¼-½ teaspoon of baking soda on the surface and gently stir into mixture.

Stir the fluffy mass until it begins to pull away from the sides and bottom of the bowl.

Add 1 tablespoon of saline solution.

Squirt a few drops of saline solution onto your hands. Pick up the slime and knead until smooth.
If you want crystal clear slime that looks like liquid glass, our Classic Borax Slime Recipe is the best!
This is the classic slime recipe used in science class demonstrations. It's also the best for crystal clear slime.

**TIP:** This recipe works wonderfully with white PVA glue, but if you love adding confetti, using clear PVA glue will really make it pop!

**STEP 1**
Measure ½ cup of white or clear PVA glue into bowl.

**STEP 2**
Add ½ cup of water and stir.

**STEP 3**
Add food coloring, glitter, or confetti, of your choice.

**STEP 4**
In a separate bowl, make a borax solution by stirring ½ cup of warm water with ¼ tsp of borax powder.

**STEP 5**
Add the borax solution to the glue mixture and stir until all the solution is mixed in thoroughly.

**STEP 6**
Remove the slime from the bowl and knead until smooth.
UNIQUE SLIME RECIPES INTRODUCTION

All excellent ways to describe this section of slime recipes!
You have just read through some great Basic Slime Recipes, tips, and hints. I hope you have gotten your feet wet by trying out a couple recipes to see which is your favorite. Get ready to turn up the fun factor and add some unique twists!

How do I use the Unique Slime Recipes Section?

Glad you asked! Each of the following Unique Slime Recipes will use one of the Four Basic Slime Recipes as a foundation. I will indicate which one we used and suggest other recipes that will work as well. If you don’t see your favorite basic slime recipe listed, go ahead and experiment with it anyway!

You will also find suggestions for color choices, glitter, confetti options, and mix-in ideas to create the slime. Copy our exact theme or use it as a springboard to create your own unique slimes.

These Unique Slime Recipes alter a basic slime recipe with one or more special ingredients to create a popular slime activity. Special ingredients can be found in craft stores or online. Before you go to the store, make sure to check out our recommended slime supplies to see what we like to use! Our Slime Supplies & Checklist.
BUBBLE SLIMES

BUBBLE BLOWING SLIME RECIPE:
This is an awesome way to play with the slime you already have made. All you need is a straw to blow huge bubbles with globs of your homemade slime!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
White or Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Grab a hunk of any slime and a plastic straw. Cut your straw in half. Stretch out a piece of slime into a flat shape and create a little sack to fasten around the end of the straw. Make sure all the little gaps are filled, and hold this area tightly. Blow into your straw as if you are blowing up a balloon and watch your bubble grow. How big can you make it?

G I A N T  S L I M E

BUBBLE RECIPE:
Play with slime and practice creating your own giant slime bubbles on a hard, flat surface.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
White or Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Stretch and flip! When it comes to giant slime bubbles, it’s all in the wrists. You need a quick all in one movement to trap the air! Practice makes perfect. The bigger the slime batch, the bigger the bubble you can make!
BUTTER SLIMES

CORNSTARCH SLIME RECIPE:
Here’s a slime that’s smooth, just like butter. It stretches like a dream, but it is still thick and soft with a nice texture. All you need to do is add one secret ingredient from the kitchen cabinet. Just remember, no tasting!

BASIC SLIME RECIPE:
Liquid Starch Slime
White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Powdered cornstarch
Food coloring

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
During the special mix-ins step, add a couple of tablespoons of powdered cornstarch and mix well! Give the kids a pretend or plastic butter knife to spread the slime or cut it into chunks for a dramatic experience.

BUTTER SLIMES
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SOFT CLAY SLIME RECIPE:
Try this moldable slime that uses soft clay as an extra special ingredient!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Soft modeling clay

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
To make clay slime, start with a Basic Slime Recipe in a color that pairs well with color of your soft clay. Take 1 ounce of soft clay and flatten it out. Place it on your slime. Squish and knead the clay and slime together until they are fully incorporated.
There are several types of soft clay available. We use a denser clay which needs a smaller amount. You will need to use more if you purchased a less dense clay.
CHALKBOARD SLIME

Combine science and art with a unique slime recipe that turns an everyday basic slime recipe into a chalkboard!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
- Chalkboard acrylic paint

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
During the mix-ins step of the basic slime recipe, mix in about 1/3 of a 2 ounce bottle of chalkboard acrylic paint.

CHALKBOARD SLIME
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Use chalkboard markers to draw on your Chalkboard Slime. You can doodle animals or create patterns, write your name or a message for someone!

MIX-INS:
- Chalkboard markers

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Dab the marker tip on the surface of the slime. Lightly draw on the slime, dabbing here and there to keep the colors bright. Don’t stick it into, or drag it through the slime.
COLOR CHANGING SLIMES

SUN ACTIVATED SLIME RECIPE:
Add another level of science fun to your slime activity by making a color changing slime that’s activated by the sun’s rays! This is a great slime to play with outside on a sunny day, or test it out on a cloudy day to see what happens.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
UV Pigment Powder

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Add 1 tablespoon of UV pigment powder (recommended slime supplies list) during the mix-in step. It may take an extra minute to fully mix in the pigment. It may appear lumpy at first, but will smooth out even more after you add your activator solution.

COLOR CHANGING SLIMES

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ULTRAVIOLET BEADS SLIME RECIPE:
Test the sun’s invisible ultraviolet rays with these UV color changing beads! The stronger the sunlight, the brighter the colors of the beads will be. They even glow in the dark!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Ultraviolet Color Changing Beads

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Add ¼-½ cup of ultraviolet color changing beads (recommended slime supplies list) during the mix-ins step of the basic slime recipe. Bring your slime outside and watch the colors change. Save your beads and use them for another activity when you are finished!
CRUNCHY SLIMES

Use a variety of acrylic beads to add texture to your homemade slime! We used three different shapes and sizes: fishbowl, sugar and slushy beads. These beads are commonly used as vase fillers.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Liquid Starch Slime
Saline Solution Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring if desired
Fishbowl beads
Slushy beads
Sugar beads

FISHBOWL BEAD RECIPE:
These are the largest of the three types of beads and create a bubbly texture in the slime. Fishbowl beads are generally clear but also come in a variety of translucent colors. Add a few plastic fish for an “under the sea” theme.

SLUSHY BEAD RECIPE:
Slushy beads are smaller than fishbowl beads and opaque in color. They add a fun slushy or smoothie appearance to your slime like finely chopped ice! Make your slime with bright or tropical colors for a summer slushy look.

SUGAR BEAD RECIPE:
Sugar beads are the smallest of the three types of acrylic beads and not quite as round. They add a fun granular texture to your slime.

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
The more beads you add to your slime recipe, the denser the slime will become. I recommend adding a ½ cup of beads during the mix-ins step. Experiment with more or less beads to find your perfect amount.
FIDGET SLIMES

SLIME PUTTY RECIPE:
Fidget slime is tougher and thicker than our regular slime. It’s a whole new way to play with slime! Use it as a fidget tool and take it with you! Pull it out when you need to take a brain break, relax, or de-stress.

BASIC SLIME RECIPE:
Classic Borax Slime
White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
You will omit the water from step 2 of the Classic Borax Slime Recipe then continue with the slime making instructions. Additionally, you don’t need to make as much of this slime for one person. Cut the recipe in ½ if desired. Or divide the full recipe and make several colors.

SEARCH ‘N’ FIND SLIME RECIPE:
Add fun little treasures to our newest putty slime recipe. Thicker and firmer than our traditional slime recipe, this putty slime is a great brain break for kids. Reduce stress and anxiety when you play with putty slime!

BASIC SLIME RECIPE:
Saline Solution Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Glitter (optional)
Small washable treasures and animals

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
To make putty slime, omit adding the water in step 2. This process will make for a denser slime that won’t ooze everywhere. Mix in fun treasures that kids can use as a mini search and find activity for busy fingers.
Fun, textured, moldable slime is loads of fun! Add tiny foam beads in all colors for an extra squishy slime recipe. Use either white or clear glue for different looks!

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Saline Solution Slime
- White PVA glue
- Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
- Food coloring
- Foam beads

**CLEAR GLUE RECIPE:**
Rainbow foam beads in varying sizes work well with clear glue. Add 1 cup of rainbow foam beads during the mix-ins step. For a clear slime look use the Classic Borax Slime Recipe. If you’re using larger foam beads, you may want to add fewer beads.

**WHITE GLUE RECIPE:**
White foam beads work well with white glue and food coloring. Add 1 cup of foam beads during the mix-ins step for basic slime recipe.

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
For a looser crunchy foam slime use less foam beads. Experiment to find your favorite amount of foam beads. Add just a handful or the whole cup!

Use your favorite color foam beads or mix a rainbow of colors for a birthday cake themed slime!

For a stiffer, moldable foam slime, use the Classic Borax Slime Recipe. Omit water from Step 2, add 1 cup of beads, and continue with the slime recipe. This will make for a much stiffer foam slime that holds its shape!
FOIL SLIMES

GOLD LEAF SLIME RECIPE:
For an amazingly fun and satisfying slime mix-in experience try using gold leaf sheets.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
- Gold leaf sheets

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Use clear glue for the best glittering gold effect. Experiment with food coloring too! Once you have made your slime, place it on a flat surface. Cover with several gold leaf sheets to mix in. This gives the slime a fun crackle finish!

FOIL SLIMES
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FOIL SLIME RECIPE:
For another satisfying mix-in experience try using colorful metallic foil sheets.

BASIC SLIME RECIPE:
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- White or Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
- Food coloring
- Metallic foil sheets

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Use either white or clear glue with or without food coloring for a variety of effects! For a neat experience make several colors of slime and lay next to one another before pressing in the foil sheets.
GLITTER SLIMES

EXTREME GLITTER SLIME RECIPE:
This is a super glittery and sparkly slime that makes any theme, holiday, or special occasion slime perfect. Make several batches of this slime in similar shades and swirl together for a cool effect.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Glitter: fine, regular, tinsel, chunky

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
To make Extreme Glitter Slime, use one of the three Basic Slime Recipes listed above. Add desired food coloring, then add a VERY generous amount of regular or tinsel glitter where indicated in the recipe.

GLITTER SLIMES
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GOLD & SILVER SLIME RECIPE:
Whether you want a princess theme or you have a kid that loves to study precious metals, this glittering metallic Gold & Silver Slime twist together for sparkling awesomeness. Or you can make them individually and add fun items to fit your theme.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Gold glitter glue & Gold glitter
Silver glitter glue & Silver glitter

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Add a 1oz bottle of glitter glue to the ½ cup measuring cup. You can easily find these at a dollar store! Fill remainder of ½ cup with clear glue for a total of ½ cup of glue. Continue with Basic Slime Recipe.
GLow in the Dark Slimes

Glow in the Dark Slime Recipe:

Turn off the lights for this Glow in the Dark Slime! One extra ingredient makes for an out of this world experience!

Basic Slime Recipes:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

Mix-ins:
Glow in the dark pigment powder

Special Step/Tip:
During the mix-ins step of the Basic Slime Recipe, add ½ tbsp of glow in the dark pigment powder. There is no need to add additional food coloring. Use the sunlight to “charge” your slime during the day or a try a flashlight to “charge” your slime at night. Take your slime into a dark area to see it glow!

Glow in the Dark PVA glue

Alternative Glow Slime Recipe:

For an incredibly easy way to make glow in the dark slime try using glow glue instead of pigment powder! This glue is best used with our 2 Ingredient Slime Recipe (pg xx) but you can experiment with all the recipes.

Basic Slime Recipes:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
2 Ingredient Slime Recipe pg xx
Glow In The Dark PVA glue

Special Step/Tip:
Charge your slime with plenty of sunshine and find a dark corner to play with it. Add glow in the dark spiders for creepy crawly fun.
LIQUID GLASS SLIME

It is crystal clear like glass, so we call this Liquid Glass Slime.

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
- Classic Borax Slime
- Alternative Slime*
- Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
None, because it’s clear as glass!

* **ALTERNATIVE SLIME:**
Use our Saline Solution Slime Recipe for reference here. The ingredients are the same, but mixed in a different order: Do STEP 1. Then, for STEP 2, in a separate bowl, mix the water (warm is best) & baking soda. Slowly poor that mixture into your clear glue and stir gently. Continue with STEPS 3-6.

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
You will notice that your slime is initially filled with small air bubbles. Place your slime in a container and cover loosely. Set it aside for a few days. After that, the bubbles will have disappeared.

MAGNETIC SLIME

This slime acts like it’s alive and is one of our most favorite slime recipes ever! You do need to have a special magnet called a neodymium magnet or rare earth magnet for the slime to work. Our favorite is the cube shaped one.

**BASIC SLIME RECIPE:**
- Liquid Starch Slime
- White PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
Black iron oxide powder
Neodymium magnet

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
After you have mixed the glue and water together, add ½ cup of black iron oxide powder and mix well. Continue with slime making directions. Your slime will deepen to a rich black color over time.

**NOTE:** Use a neodymium magnet (recommended slime supplies list) to play with your slime. DO NOT put magnets on, or near, electronics! Regular magnets are not powerful enough to move the slime.
MUD-PIE SLIME

Yes! We added real mud to our mud pie slime. This is the perfect slime activity to take outside! Set up a tray with your slime supplies and head outdoors to dig up some dirt. This slime takes the classic mud pie activity to the next level!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
- Food coloring
- Dirt

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Add a ¼ cup of freshly dug up dirt during the mix-ins step of the recipe. Pack your mud pie into a pie plate or other round container. Go scavenger hunting around your yard to find wild flowers and other natural materials to decorate your mud slime pie.

PAINT SLIME

Acrylic washable paint gives slime a vivid color and comes in so many different color options!

BASIC SLIME RECIPE:
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- White or Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
- Acrylic paint in any color(s)

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
During the mix-ins step of the basic slime recipe, mix in 1 tbsp or more of acrylic paint. You may need more paint if using white glue and less paint with clear glue to achieve desired color. Make several colors and swirl together to make a fun theme slime.
SAND SLIMES

**FLUFFY SAND SLIME RECIPE:**
Fluffy slime combined with colored craft sand makes for an awesome new texture!

**BASIC SLIME RECIPE:**
Fluffy Saline Slime
White PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
Food coloring
Colored craft sand

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
First, mix shaving cream and food coloring in a bowl as directed. Next, add ½ cup of colored craft sand and stir to combine! Continue with fluffy slime directions. Make a few colors and swirl together for a fun effect!

You can also add colored craft sand to any of our Basic Slime Recipes for a fun alternative. Use white or clear PVA glue.

SAND SLIMES
(continued)

**SANDY BEACH SLIME RECIPE:**
Bring the beach home or take slime making outside. Grab a bucket of your favorite beach sand and turn it into slime! You can also use clean play sand.

**BASIC SLIME RECIPE:**
Liquid Starch Slime
Saline Solution Slime
Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
Beach sand or Fine grain colored craft sand

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Add ¼ cup of beach or play sand during the mix in step of the Liquid Starch Slime Recipe. Add seashells, a small bucket, and even a small sand castle mold for play time. Try mixing your slime right in the sand bucket.
SCENTED SLIMES (continued)

GELATIN CENTED SLIME RECIPE:
This is an easy way to make a fun, scented slime in your favorite flavor. We chose strawberry flavored gelatin for this scented slime. Just remember, no tasting!

BASIC SLIME RECIPE:
Saline Solution Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Gelatin powder in any flavor
Food coloring if desired

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
This Scented Slime Recipe is best if you use a ½ tsp of baking soda and 1 ½ tablespoons of saline solution. Sugar Free gelatin is not recommended.

Add 1 teaspoon of any flavored powdered gelatin after the glue and water have been mixed together. Food coloring can be added but is not necessary. Stir to combine and continue with the Saline Solution Slime Recipe instructions.

CALMING LAVENDER SLIME RECIPE:
Slime is already an amazing and calming sensory play material for kids. Lavender is known for its relaxing and calming properties. Enjoy lavender slime in the evening, on sick days, or anytime for stress relief.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Glitter
Lavender Fragrance Oil
Dried Lavender

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
During the mix-ins step, add a drop or two of a lavender fragrance oil and continue with the basic slime recipe directions. You can even add dried lavender flowers to the slime once it is fully mixed!
SNOW SLIMES

FAKE SNOW RECIPE:
A staple for winter decorating, fake snow is also perfect for creating an unusual slime texture even in the middle of summer.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Liquid Starch Slime
Saline Solution Slime
Classic Borax Slime
White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Fake plastic snow

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Look for a bag of finely shredded fake plastic snow for the best texture. Add a ½ cup of fake snow during the mix-ins step of the basic slime recipe.

SNOW SLIMES
(continued)

INSTANT SNOW RECIPE:
Instant snow is fascinating to make on its own (just add water), but it’s even more fascinating when you add it to one of our Basic Slime Recipes! Perfect anytime of the year to add a cool texture to slime.

BASIC SLIME RECIPE:
Saline Solution Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Instant snow

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Follow the directions on your instant snow package. Omit the ½ cup of water from Step 2 and replace with a ½ cup of instant snow. Continue with slime recipe. This slime can be stickier. Simply add a drop or two more of saline solution to lessen the stickiness.

FAKE SNOW RECIPE:
A staple for winter decorating, fake snow is also perfect for creating an unusual slime texture even in the middle of summer.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Liquid Starch Slime
Saline Solution Slime
Classic Borax Slime
White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Fake plastic snow

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Look for a bag of finely shredded fake plastic snow for the best texture. Add a ½ cup of fake snow during the mix-ins step of the basic slime recipe.
VOLCANO LAVA SLIME

Volcanic slime is an impressive way to combine slime and baking soda and vinegar eruptions! Two chemistry activities in one!

BASIC SLIME RECIPE:
Saline Solution Slime
White PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Baking soda
White vinegar

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Look for a container that is tall and narrow with a wide opening so the eruption will go up and over!

In this container mix ½ cup of glue with 2 tablespoons of baking soda. Add desired food coloring.

Set this container on a tray to catch the eruption.

VOLCANO LAVA SLIME
(continued)

In another small container mix 1 tbsp of saline solution with ¼ cup of vinegar.

Add this mixture to the glue and baking soda mixture and stir! The bubbly eruption will happen almost immediately. Continue to stir until mixture stops erupting and you feel the slime firm up inside container.

Remove the slime from the container, but don’t mix in what has overflowed.

Knead and play with your lava slime. It will make fun popping noises.

This slime does not last as long as our basic slime recipe but sure is fun!
WATER BEAD SLIME

Water beads are so fun when added to your favorite Basic Slime Recipe! Make sure to allow time for them to plump up before making your slime.

**Basic Slime Recipes:**
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Clear PVA glue

**Mix-ins:**
- Fully plump water beads
- Food coloring if desired

**Special Step/Tip:**
Water beads come in a small package and are very tiny to start. Follow the instructions on the package to get the beads nice and plump before adding them to the slime. During the mix-ins step of the Liquid Starch Slime Recipe, add ¼ cup of plump water beads.

Alternatively you can crush your water beads for a different texture!

2 INGREDIENT SLIME

We find this recipe works best with the colored glues, the glow in the dark glues, and the glitter glues. You can experiment with the other basic slime recipes if you like, but this is our preferred method.

**Basic Slime Recipes:**
- 5oz bottle of specialty glitter, color, or glow glue
- 1/8 cup of liquid starch (more may be necessary depending on brand)

**Special Step/Tip:**
Because these glues already contain the glitter, color, or glow pigment you already need, making it is a breeze and less messy too! If you find your slime too sticky continue to add more liquid starch in very small amounts. Knead thoroughly and enjoy!
INTRODUCTION TO SLIMES WITH A THEME

Seasonal themed slimes are perfect for celebrating and exploring the seasons and your favorite holidays. This section of Seasonal Slime Recipes lets you celebrate your favorite seasons and holidays in a new and creative way!

How do I use the Theme Slime Recipes Section?

Much like with the Unique Slime Recipes section, the following Theme Slime Recipes use one of our four Basic Slime Recipes (pgs 14-31) as a foundation. I will indicate which one was used and suggest other recipes that will work as well. Some of these Theme Slime Recipes combine a Basic Slime Recipe and an Unique Slime Recipe to create an extra fun theme like bubble gum slime (pg ).

You will find our suggestions for color choices, glitter or confetti choices, and fun mix-in choices to create each slime. Copy our exact theme or use it as a springboard to create your own unique twist. I am always on the lookout for themed accessories to add to the play at dollar stores and craft stores.

Our Slime Supplies & Checklist,
BUBBLEGUM SLIME

This cool slime looks and feels like bubble gum! It even makes the popping sounds you would get from blowing small bubbles. You may even see tiny bubbles when squashing and squeezing the slime!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime

Mix-ins:
Pink pearlized or metallic acrylic paint

Special step/tip:
During the mix-ins step of the Basic Slime Recipe, mix in 1 tbsp of pink pearlized or metallic acrylic paint. Although the slime has a sheen to it, you can still add more glitter! There are lots of fun colors to try, so don’t feel like you have to choose pink!

AVALANCHE SLIME

Watch colors collide and mix with your own avalanche slime. Make this cool and satisfying slime with your favorite colors. We chose icy blue and white!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Both white and clear PVA glues

Mix-ins:
Food coloring
Glitter (optional)

Special step/tip:
To set up your avalanche slime, you need a batch of white glue slime (in white) AND a batch of clear glue slime in your favorite color. Fill a container half way with your colored slime. Poke some holes in it with your finger. Add your white slime to fill the container. Be patient and watch the colors interact with one another, or use your finger to push the white slime into the colored slime.
CAMOUFLAGE SLIME

Grab your toy figures and create a camouflage of oozing slime for some serious sensory play.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear or white PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Choose a different color palette for your camouflage theme including blues, pinks, or oranges! You can also add plastic scenery and rocks to create a scene.

DINOSAUR EGGS SLIME

Hatch some slimy dinosaurs!
Or create a dinosaur amber slime!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Plastic Dinosaurs

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
We used clear plastic eggs to create a dinosaur egg slime because kids love to hatch dinosaurs! We chose to create an amber colored slime, but you can use any color. This is fun for a dinosaur theme party as homemade party favors.
**GALAXY SLIME**

Beautiful colors twist together to create an amazing galaxy in your hands.

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
- Food coloring
- Silver glitter

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Make 4-5 small batches of the slime in different galaxy colors like black, orange, pink, blue and purple.

You can make a ½ batch of each to save on ingredients. Lay out your strips of slime in a row next to one another then twist into your galaxy slime.

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**DRAGON SCALES SLIME**

Layers of sequins add a sparkling touch if you have a dragon lover! It’s perfect for a medieval or fantasy theme and could also be transformed into a mermaid’s tail theme slime.

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
- Food coloring
- Glitter
- Sequins

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Make three of your favorite dragon colors and swirl. Choose warm fiery colors like yellow, orange, and red or cool colors like blue, green and purple. Coordinate with matching glitter and add sequins for scales!
GLAMOUR SLIME

Calling all glamour gals and guys who love things that sparkle and shine! Filled with gorgeous gems, this bejeweled slime is sure to dazzle!

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
- Food coloring
- Glitter
- Gems and Jewels

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Look for bags of gems and jewels in the vase fillers section of your local craft and dollar stores. Or check out our recommended supplies list! Choose your favorite color, add glitter, and fill with gems. This is another great slime for a theme party.

HONEY BEE SLIME

Save the bees! Use this honey bee theme slime activity to talk about why we need honey bees with your kids! Choose an education book on bees and learn while you play!

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
- Food coloring
- Glitter (chunky or regular)
- Sequins
- Mini Honey Bee Erasers or Plastic Bees

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Whip up honey colored slime with brown and yellow food coloring. Add your honey bees and glitter. We chose chunky glitter since its shape and size looks like tiny honeycombs. Don’t add real honey as the acid in honey will dissolve your slime.
MAGICAL FAIRY DUST SLIME

Sprinkle a little fairy magic when you create this slime! A whimsical slime that will lift your mood and maybe even inspire some wishes granted!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Fairy Dust (foil confetti shreds in iridescent colors)
Glitter (regular and chunky)

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Choose your favorite colors to create your own personalized fairy dust slime. Generously sprinkle your glitter and confetti, pack it in a special jar, and add a pretty ribbon!

MERMAID SLIME

A little like the magic mermaid bands, pillows, and blankets out there, our mermaid slime is a mix of shimmering colors and glitter.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Regular glitter
Sequins

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
We used teal, purple, and blue food coloring options to create a mermaid slime. Coordinate with glitter in a variety of sizes including fine, regular, or chunky! You can even add holographic sequins or confetti for an added shimmer. Add gems and seashells for play time.
MONSTER EYES SLIME

Does your kiddo a favorite monster? Popular kids’ characters have made monsters an every day theme. They aren’t just for Halloween anymore!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food Coloring
Glitter (optional)
Googly Eyes (assorted sizes, colors)

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Fill your homemade slime with googly eyes of all sizes or add one large eye for a certain friendly monster! Fun tip: spread googly eyes on a tray and challenge your kids to use their slime blob to pick up as many as they can in a certain amount of time. Count the eyes to find the winner!

RAINBOW SLIME

Kids will love making this enormous batch of Rainbow Slime. Go ahead and add glitter or sequins too! Note: The colors will eventually mix together leaving a muddy color, but you can think of a cool theme for that too!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Glitter

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Because you will need to make 6 colored slimes, halve the recipes for each color. You can also add color coordinated glitter to each slime for even more sparkle! To make the rainbow, lay the colors out in a strip. Pick up the top of the strip and twist!
OMBRE SLIME

Ombre is all about having colors or tones that shade into each other. Often the color is graduated from light to dark.

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
White or Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
Food coloring

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Here we choose a 3 color ombre theme in pink using clear glue. You can use any color scheme and white glue as well. Use food coloring to create varying shades or tones of your favorite color! We made three batches of slime to mix together.

PRIMARY MIX SLIME

A fun way to explore color mixing with slime.

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
Food coloring

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Create your the three primary colors: red, yellow, and blue. Layer them in a glass cup or pan. Watch the secondary colors emerge where the slime colors meet. What happens if you leave it overnight?
SEASHELL SLIME

Set up a science discovery tray with a handful of mini seashells. Add a seashell guide to learn more about each of the shells. If you live by a beach, add the shells you collect!

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
- Food coloring
- Craft seashells or real seashells

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Add a handful of mini craft seashells or regular size shells. These can be found at craft stores and dollar stores. They are often used as vase fillers. Add a magnifying glass for further examination. Kids will love removing them from the slime too! It’s perfect to pair with our Sandy Beach Slime on page 52 of our Ultimate Slime Guide.

SUPER SLIME

Channel your inner superhero or super-heroine with homemade slime! Choose your favorite characters’ colors or be a super kid and create your own!

**BASIC SLIME RECIPES:**
- Saline Solution Slime
- Liquid Starch Slime
- Classic Borax Slime
- Clear PVA glue

**MIX-INS:**
- Food coloring
- Glitter

**SPECIAL STEP/TIP:**
Add two colors to a jar for a fun swirl of super power fun! Print out our special labels to color and design your favorite super action words. This slime is perfect for a superhero/heroine party theme!
UNICORN SLIME

Unicorns are magical and so is this slime! Beautiful swirls of color with plenty of glitter let you make this slime as unique as an unicorn.

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear or white PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Regular or tinsel glitter

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Unicorn Slime can be made with either clear or white glue for two gorgeous yet totally unique looks! White glue Unicorn Slime will be more pastel. Add glitter to the clear slime version for a real sparkle. We have printable unicorn slime labels and cards too! LINK

TREASURE HUNTER’S SLIME

Set up a treasure hunt for buried treasure with a golden slime filled with coins and sparkling jewels. Perfect for a pirate, nautical, or detective theme party!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Saline Solution Slime
Liquid Starch Slime
Classic Borax Slime
Clear PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Food coloring
Glitter
Sequins
Fake Treasure Coins
Plastic Jewels

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Use yellow food coloring along with gold glitter and gold sequins to make an easy gold slime to fill with your treasures. Kids will love digging through the slime to find the goodies inside. Easily turn it into a math activity for one to one counting, addition and subtraction.
LITTLE BINS FOR LITTLE HANDS
DOESN’T JUST DO SLIME!

Every week at Little Bins for Little Hands brings an array of awesome science experiments and STEM activities. We LOVE slime, but we also love creating eruptions, building structures, and testing the laws of motion. Hands-on, slimy, gross and exciting science that inspires kids to love science as much as we do is kind of our thing.

KITCHEN SINK SLIME!

Wondering what to do with some leftover slime Mix-Ins? Do you have a little left of a few different things, but not enough to make an individual slime? Try making this Kitchen Sink Slime. A little of this, a little of that, and a whole lot of fun!

BASIC SLIME RECIPES:
Liquid Starch Slime • Saline Solution Slime • Classic Borax Slime • Clear or white PVA glue

MIX-INS:
Anything and everything!

SPECIAL STEP/TIP:
Follow any of the Basic Slime Recipes and during the mix-ins step, go ahead and add your assortment of leftover goodies. Continue with the Basic Slime Recipe directions and you’ll have a crazy, one-of-a-kind slime!

So, make sure to stop by and see what we are up to with the changing seasons and holidays. And if you don’t want to miss out on our next experiment or slime recipe you can do with your little scientists, subscribe to our weekly newsletter.

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