



Autumn Oobleck Sensory Bin

Autumn, following right after summer, is one of the four seasons of the year. Usually the leaves change color to beautiful reds, oranges and yellows, and the temperature gets cooler. It's a little different for us in Miami as we don't typically see these changes, but sometimes the SMELL of autumn is more apparent. Scents of cinnamon and pumpkin spice begin to fill the air. Today, we will create an Autumn Oobleck Sensory Bin to get those senses going!



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Gather materials:

- Cornstarch
- Food Coloring
- Cinnamon Sticks
- Ground Cinnamon Powder
- Bowls
- Measuring Cup
- Bin / Baking Dish

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Add 2 cups of cornstarch and some ground cinnamon to your large bin or baking dish.

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Mix the cinnamon and cornstarch together until the cinnamon is evenly spread throughout.

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Add 1 cup of water to the cornstarch mixture.

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Mix everything together.

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If your oobleck is too dry and powdery, add a little more water and mix. Continue adding water slowly and mixing until you achieve a slimey, gooey consistency. When you poke your mixture it should feel like a solid. When you pick it up, it should droop and drip like a liquid.

PRO-TIP:

Use your hands to grab and mix everything around, as it might be difficult with a spoon.



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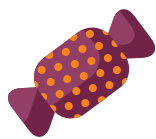
Dye your mixture with the colors of your choice. Since this is an Autumn themed bin, you may want to stick with fall colors like orange, red, yellow and green.



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Add some cinnamon sticks to your bin for added texture.



DISCUSSION



What does your oobleck feel like? Oobleck is a Non-Newtonian substance. That means, it has properties like a solid and also like a liquid! Play with your oobleck. When does it feel like a solid? What movements cause it to feel like a liquid? What does your oobleck smell like? How do your cinnamon sticks help your oobleck move? Do they have a familiar smell?