



Craft
Ages 3–5
15–20 minutes

Playdough Pond

Description

Participants will create a pond out of playdough (and natural elements, if desired) using their imaginations or the example provided

Number of participants

For any number of participants

Space considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated to do a craft

Competencies

- Creative and imaginative thinking
- Development of fine motor skills
- Hand-eye coordination
- Spatial relationships

Materials

Free play

- Playdough or plasticine (various colours)
- Googly eyes
- Natural elements (e.g., dried grass, flowers, rocks) (optional)
- Plastic natural elements (optional)
- Cardboard to build pond on (optional)

Replicating example

- Playdough or plasticine
 - Water: blue/green, white
 - Plants/vegetation: green (and red for detailing or flowers)

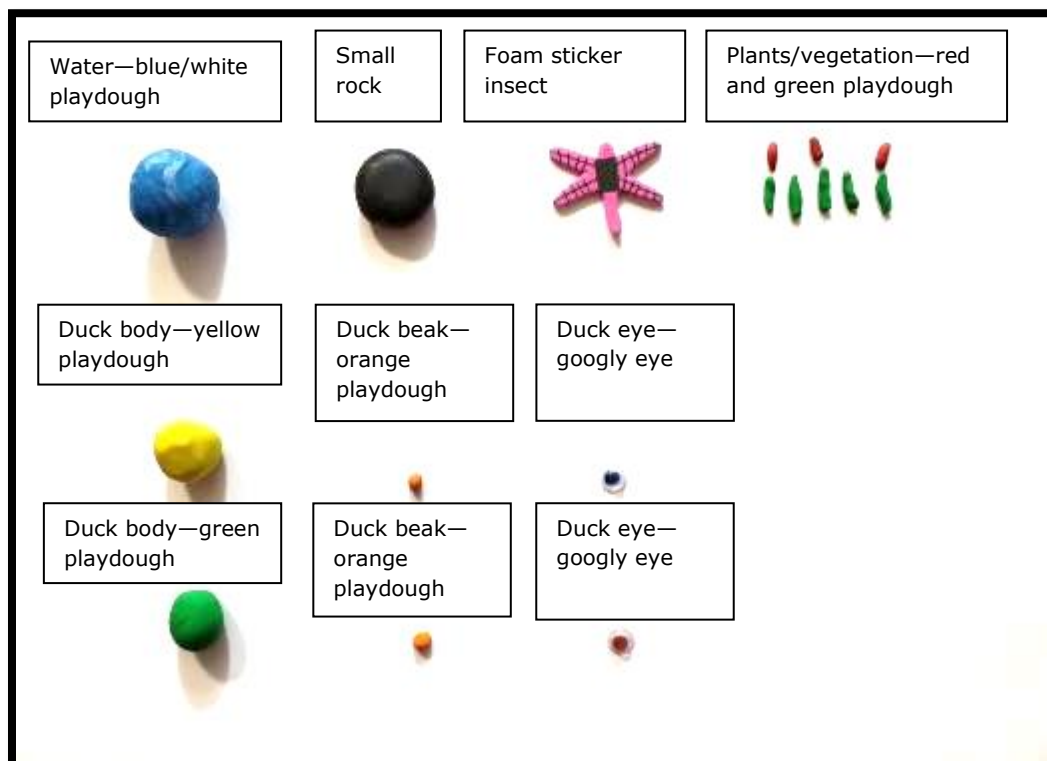
- Duck(s)
 - Head and body: any colour
 - Beak: any colour different than body
- Small rock
- Natural elements (e.g., dried grass, flowers, rocks) (optional)
- Plastic natural elements (optional)
- Googly eyes
- Scrap paper for designing pond before sticking parts together

Preparation

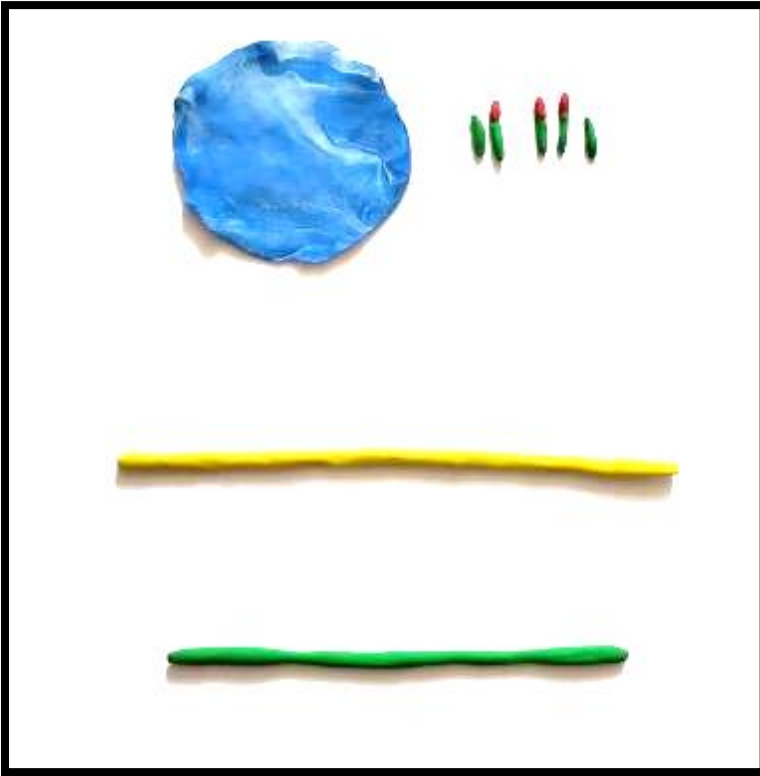
- Pre-determine the amount of playdough/plasticine for each participant for each element
- Distribute materials

Implementation

1. Lay out the playdough you plan to use to make your pond



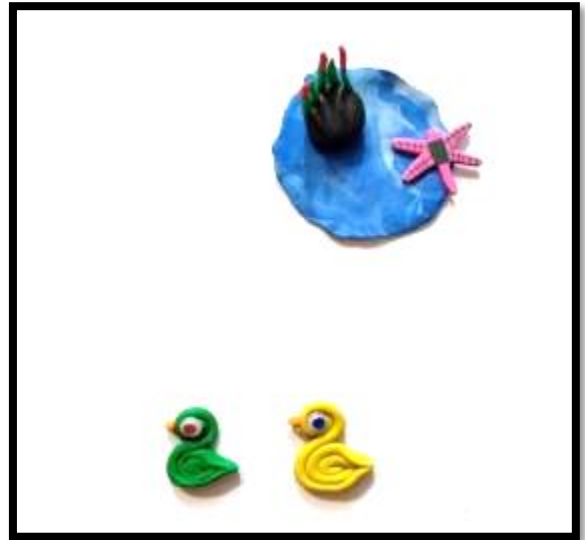
2. a. Flatten the water ball into a circle
b. Attach the flowers to the green stems/grass
c. Roll out the duck body ball(s) to stretch them



3. a. Attach the vegetation to the small rock by pressing the stem onto it
b. Roll the duck body from each end towards the centre to create the head and body, then pinch the end to create the wing/tail



4. a. Place the rock with vegetation on the pond
b. Add the foam insect sticker and any other details (optional)
c. Put the googly eyes on the ducks



4. Add the duck(s) to the pond



Accessibility considerations

- Give participants flexibility to make the pond the way they want to
- Participants can work together to make a pond or even a larger lake
- Provide scrap paper so they can design their pond before sticking pieces together

Book suggestions

- **All the Little Animals: A Bedtime Book from A-Z** by Joy Jordan-Lake and Jane Chapman
- **West Coast Wild: Baby Animals** by Deborah Hodge and Karen Reczuch

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