

## You will need:

- Mud—clay type dirt works best
- Some water
- Old cloth such as an old flat sheet or canvas drop cloth
- Rope for hanging the cloth between 2 trees
- Art clay
- Natural materials such as flowers, sticks, grass, pine cones, etc.
- Large plastic drop cloth
- A hill
- A water hose
- Old clothes that are ok to get stained



## Directions:

1. Find some clay like dirt—if you have access to a creek or if your yard has some nice red or yellow clay dirt that will work. Always ask a grown up if it's ok to dig up dirt in that spot. You can also use some art clay like for making pottery not modeling clay and then add some potting soil to get the right consistency.
2. Add water to your clay to make it mushy.
3. Hang up your old cloth with the rope between 2 trees.
4. Now you can grab a handful of wet clay to make a ball much like you would make a snow ball.
5. Try throwing your mud ball at the cloth. You can add targets to the cloth by painting some circles on the cloth. Practice throwing to see how close you get to the target.
6. Have some more muddy fun by making a mud slide! A mud slide is similar to a water slide, you just substitute clay style dirt for the baby shampoo. Use a large plastic tarp or plastic sheeting. Make sure to anchor your tarp with some wooden planks or tent stakes. And you will want to wear clothing that is ok to get stained.
7. Make some mud art by adding some natural materials. Stick your creation to a tree or rock for someone to find!
8. Show us your mud fun on our Facebook page "Adventures in EdZooCation" or tag the North Carolina Zoo at #NCZOO or #NCZOOED.

