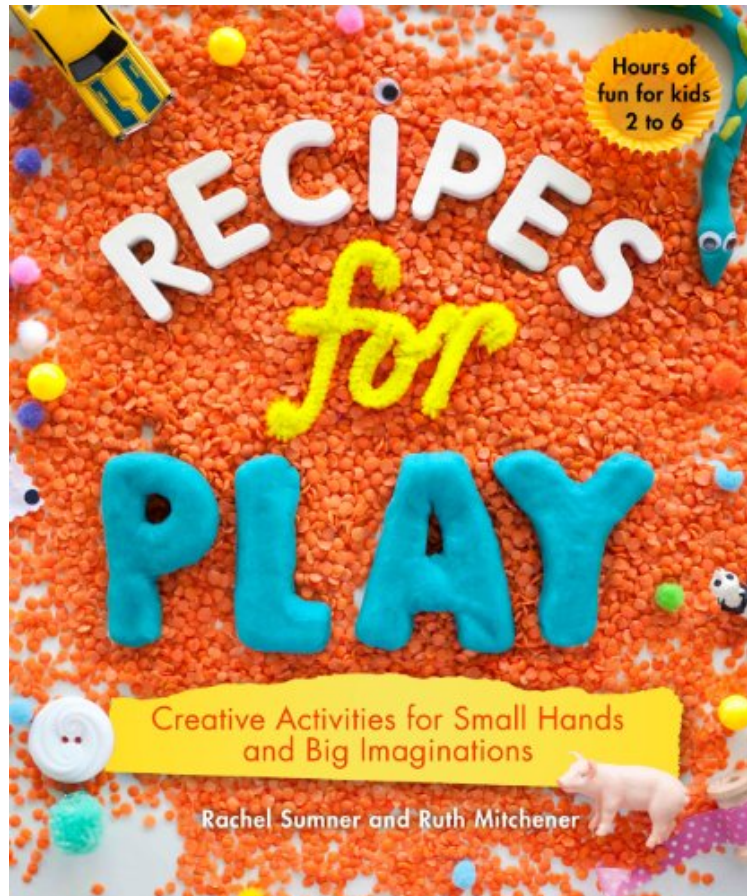


Recipes for Play: Creative Activities for Small Hands and Big Imaginations

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Rachel Sumner, Ruth Mitchener : Recipes for Play: Creative Activities for Small Hands and Big Imaginations before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Recipes for Play: Creative Activities for Small Hands and Big Imaginations:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not imaginative at allBy Kindle CustomerIt says it's for kids to age 6, but I would say age 4. I thought there would be more recipes for kids play. A lot of these are just ideas to do with your toddler or pre-schooler (like playing with water, a bucket and a sponge), without spending much money.4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. and they love it! Sometimes you just need some fresh ideas ...By NicoleI bought this book for my Daycare as a resource for my teachers, and they love it! Sometimes you just need some fresh ideas and this book did that for us.6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Really cool ideas for the preschool set!By Rhianna WalkerI hate to admit it but I am so not a mess-friendly mom. So I was immediately horror-stricken at the idea behind this book. Let your kids make messes? *shudder* But I also know the importance of such kinds of play and so I trudged in with a hunger for some inspiration.The recipes and ideas inside are terrific but I have

to point out that the majority of these I was already very familiar with from time spent on Pinterest. What impressed me though, was the focus on trying to make sure every recipe and idea had alternatives for commercial food colorings or ingredients for those who might need a gluten-free option. The photographs are lovely and the tone is friendly, not over-bearing as some non-fiction with an eco-safe focus can be. One of the things I loved most about it was that most of the ideas were very inexpensive and were made with ingredients you probably already have on hand. For me that makes this a terrific rainy day project book or a great place to find boredom busters for the young ones during summer. I would definitely recommend this one, especially for home preschooling families. Notes: ARC received via NetGalley.

More than 35 activities and ideas that inspire children to explore the world around them. An important part of childhood is being curious and trying out new experiences. What do things taste, feel, smell, sound like? What happens when you add red to blue, mix earth with water, or drop a blob of paint from a great height? These childhood experiments are vital for development and provide hours of entertainment. Recipes for Play contains easy and inexpensive ideas for engaging your child's senses. Many wonderful hours can be spent playing with natural ingredients found in your kitchen cupboard or backyard garden. Make your own face paint in minutes, whip up a batch of oozy slime, create clouds of color with rainbow rice, and so much more. Sisters Rachel Sumner and Ruth Mitchener have created Recipes for Play for parents and teachers or anyone with a child in their life who want to encourage tactile learning but don't want their lives to be controlled by chaos. Each recipe has easy-to-follow instructions for setting up activities and simple steps for cleaning up once the fun is finished.

From School Library Journal This book opens with the question "Dear Mess, Why are we not better friends?" and continues with a promise to try to embrace a more chaotic home where children are full of wonder and excited by play. Aimed at parents of preschoolers, the work strongly emphasizes sensory play, laying out 40 different activities, including recipes for slime and pavement paint, ideas for creating a miniature boat race, and instructions on building a fairy house. Although a few activities are obvious, like taking all the cushions off the couch or playing with buckets of water, most are thoughtful and clever, such as freezing small objects in water and letting children become archaeologists to excavate the treasure. The activities are organized by where they would take place: indoors, outdoors, or on the go. Each project is clearly described with information on set-up and clean-up time, mess factor (low to high), needed supplies, and a sensory guide, which discusses the senses each activity will engage. The bright, full-color photographs bring this title to life. All activities are designed with a focus on natural materials, and the authors even include information on creating natural dyes so that kids can finally create truly edible play dough. Rachael Myers-Ricker, Horace Mann School, Bronx, NY Embrace a more chaotic home where children are full of wonder and excited by play . . . Aimed at parents of preschoolers, Recipes for Play strongly emphasizes sensory play, laying out 40 different activities . . . and the authors even include information on creating natural dyes so that kids can finally create truly edible play dough. Bright, full-color photographs bring this title to life. School Library Journal This book is filled with wonderful, inexpensive playtime activities for children age two and up that will engage all five senses, and spark imagination. San Diego Family Fantastic playtime activities provide hours of entertainment with very little fuss Parade This book is filled with really great indoor and outdoor activities that will keep the littles busy all summer long. If you want messy or clean, loud or quiet, portable or not . . . there is something for every need. Mari Reads A great book for parents who are trying to keep their children stimulated with fun activities The Baby Spot blog