

Homemade Hopscotch Chalk

From my book, *Summer: A User's Guide*

2 cups water

2 cups plaster of Paris

2 tablespoons tempera paint

Toilet paper tubes (one side taped closed)

Sheet of cardboard or cookie sheet

Combine all ingredients in a large mixing bowl using a rubber spatula or large wooden spoon. Allow mixture to stand for 5 minutes. Place toilet paper tubes on sheet of cardboard or baking sheet, open sides facing up, then carefully pour chalk mixture into the holders. If there's any mixture left over, discard it in the trash – not down the drain! When chalk is just about dry, peel off holders and allow your chalk to dry thoroughly (approximately 1-1/2 hours).

