

# HISTORY AT HOME

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## Hispanic Heritage

WHAT IS ADOBE? Adobe is clay, sand, and straw. The Magoffins got clay from their property and sand from the Rio Grande River to build their adobe home. The adobe walls are about two-and-a-half to three-feet thick and are a little wider at the bottom than they are at the top. Adobe molds easily when it is wet. It is also a recyclable material.

### HOW TO MAKE ADOBE SLIME

- 1 tsp. borax
- 2 cup warm water
- 5 ounces clear glue (any glue with polyvinyl alcohol)
- Scent tube (peach or apple)
- 1/2 cup sand
- 1/4 cup decorative pebbles or small stones
- 1/4 cup rubber straw (cut-up rubber bands)

Put down a plastic tablecloth or garbage bag to protect your workspace.

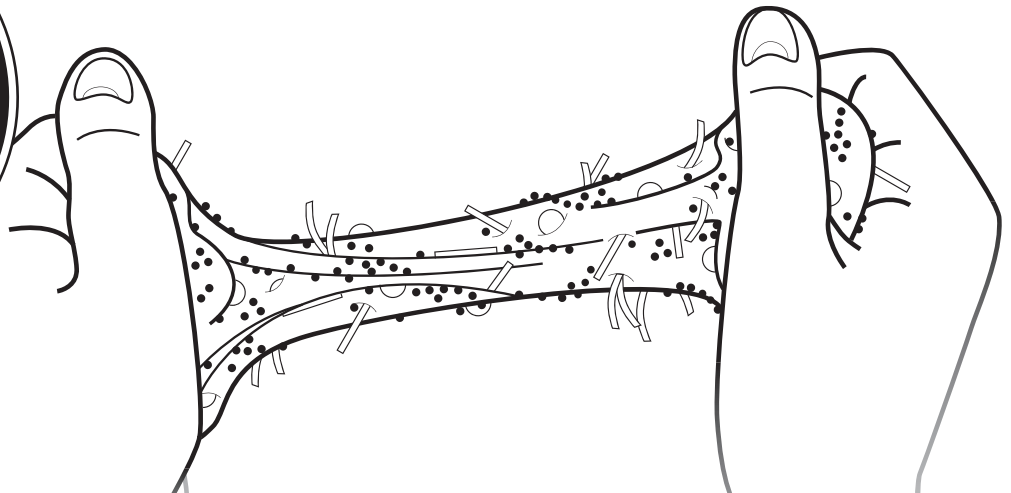
### Make Activator

Add 2 cups of warm water to 1 teaspoon borax and mix thoroughly.

### Make Adobe Slime

1. Add scent to the clear glue and stir.
2. Add activator slowly and mix. The more activator you add, the slimier the slime will be.
3. When the mixture has thickened, knead like pizza dough.
4. Flatten slime out, fold 1/4 cup of the sand into the slime, and knead for a few minutes.
5. Flatten slime out, fold the rest of the sand into the slime, and knead. Slime should have a gritty feel.
6. Flatten slime out, fold the decorative pebbles into the slime, and knead for a few minutes.
7. Flatten slime out, fold the rubber straw into the slime, and knead for a few minutes.

Slime On! Slime can be stored for up to a few weeks in an airtight container.



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