

Make Your Own Snail Slime!

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(The recipe is non-toxic, but inedible)

Supplies:

- Borax
- Water
- White glue
- Small bowl
- A sturdy Ziploc bag

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, mix 1½ teaspoons of borax into ½ cup of water until the borax has completely dissolved.
2. Pour in ¼ cup of white glue and ¼ cup of water into the Ziploc bag.
3. Seal the bag completely.
4. Use your fingers to knead the bag and thoroughly mix the glue and water together.
5. Open the Ziploc bag and pour in the borax-water mixture.
6. Seal the bag completely and then use your fingers to knead the mixture together.

This recipe results in a moist “snail foot” with residual slime for you to play with (if you just want lots of slime and no “snail foot,” you can use less borax in the recipe). Use the slime to create paths for your snail foot to move along.

Your snail and its slime will keep for awhile if you store it in a sealed bag inside the refrigerator (remember, snails have to worry about drying out!).

