Make sure you do all these activities under adult supervision!

How to Make Homemade Giant Bubbles that will Blow your Mind



- 6 cups water (distilled is best but tap water is fine)
- 1/2 cup <u>blue Dawn dish detergent</u> I used "ultra concentrated", but Dawn original is even better.
- 1/2 cup corn starch (corn flour in the UK)
- 1 tbsp <u>baking powder</u> (not baking soda)
- 1 tbsp Glycerine

You will also need a giant bubble wand.

HOMEMADE GIANT BUBBLE RECIPE

How to Make Homemade Giant Bubbles Solution

1. Dissolve Cornstarch

Dissolve cornstarch in the water, stirring really well.

2. Add Remaining Ingredients

Stir in the rest off the ingredients, being very careful **not** to create a lot of froth.

3. Let it Sit

Allow your bubble mixture to sit for *at least* an hour before using, stirring occasionally when you see the cornstarch settling to the bottom.

Note: Some of the cornstarch won't dissolve completely and may even settle to the bottom when you're using your bubble mixture, but it won't affect the quality of your bubbles.

TIP: We find this bubble solution easiest to use if we pour it into a shallow baking pan or a large casserole dish. I like to use my largest (11×15) Pyrex dish. It allows us to get our wands completely submerged when loading them up with the bubble mix.



THE MORE BUBBLES YOU MAKE, THE BETTER THE MIXTURE GETS!

THE PERFECT WEATHER FOR GIANT BUBBLES:

You might think a hot, sunny day would be best for an outdoor activity like this, but believe it or not, it's best to pick a cloudy or overcast day, with high humidity and very little wind. The reason being that sunshine and wind will <u>dehydrate your bubbles</u>, causing them causing it to pop.

If the weather isn't overcast and humid, at least take your bubbles under the canopy of a large tree or to the shady side of your house.

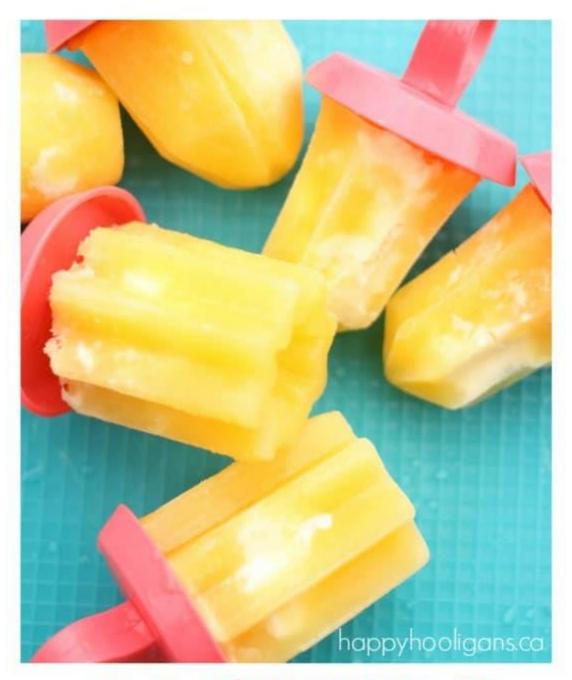
Ideally, there will be no wind, so you may find that the bubbles need a little help getting air into them. What worked for us was to hold our arms high in the air, and slowly walk **backwards**, which gently forced air into the bubble.

HOW TO MAKE A GIANT BUBBLE WAND:

You can buy <u>huge bubble wands like this one</u>, but it's really easy to make your own. This is how I made ours:

I used two drinking straws, and a length of yarn that was 6 to 8 times longer than the length of one straw. Thread the yarn through the straws, tie a knot, and you're good to go!

Well? What do you think? Are you going to give it a try?



2-INGREDIENT Creamsicles



Let me show you how you can make a batch of your own, lickety-split!

INGREDIENTS FOR HOMEMADE CREAMSICLES RECIPE:

For your convenience, this post contains affiliate links.

- <u>ice pop mold</u> (or <u>ring-pop mold</u>)
- orange juice
- · vanilla ice cream

HOW TO MAKE HEALTHY, HOMEMADE CREAMSICLES:

Scoop a little bit of vanilla ice cream into each compartment of your ice-pop mold. I didn't pack our ice cream in because I wanted lots of room for the orange juice to flow in and around the ice cream so it would be encased in orange, just like a real creamsicle.



Now fill your compartments with orange juice.



Now, nestle the ice pop holders into the molds, and pop the whole thing in the freezer.

MMMM, THE AROMA!

When you release the creamsicles from the molds, the incredible aroma of orange and vanilla was incredible.



AND THE TASTE!

Mmmmm-mmmm! So Yummy!



What a delicious and healthy and <u>refreshing</u>, <u>homemade summertime treat!</u>



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HOW TO MAKE MARBLEIZED PAPER WITH SHAVING CREAM AND WATERCOLOURS

SUPPLIES:

- white paper (card stock or <u>watercolour paper</u> or printer paper)
- baking sheet
- shaving cream (foam, not gel)
- food colouring or liquid watercolour paint (or both)
- spreader (for spreading the shaving cream)

- skewer or chopstick (for swirling)
- something for scraping

Ok! Let's have some fun!





Spread the shaving cream all over the baking sheet in a thick, smooth layer.



Next, **drip the food colouring** and/or liquid watercolours all over the shaving cream.



Now, take your skewer or chopstick, and **swirl the colour through** the shaving cream.



In the picture above, the colours **weren't quite swirly enough**, so we kept on swirling until we had THIS:



Doesn't it look **cool**? The more colour swirls you have in your shaving cream, the more "marbled" your paper will turn out.

When you're happy with how swirled your colours are, grab your paper.

YOU CAN MARBLEIZE ANY KIND OF PAPER!

We used watercolour paper for our project today, but we've also used white card stock and regular printer paper. We've even marbleized white cloth napkins but because liquid watercolours are washable, the colour washed out when I rinsed them under the tap.



Gently **press the pape**r into the surface of the shaving cream, and leave it for a half-minute or so.

Then, **lift your paper** out of the shaving cream.



Just wait 'til you see what happens next...

You can use any sturdy object with a straight edge to do this part. A ruler would work or even a piece of cardboard.



Scrape over the surface of the paper to remove the shaving cream.

You can give it an extra wipe with a paper towel to get any last traces of shaving cream off.

20 Things to Do Outside This Summer at Home

- 1. Plant a garden.
- 2. Have a picnic. Bonus: Use ingredients from your garden!
- 3. Fly a kite.
- 4. Go camping in the backyard.
- 5. Make an obstacle course.
- 6. Catch a lightning bug.
- 7. Give the car a good wash.
- 8. Make DIY chalk paint, then decorate the driveway.
- 9. Learn how to do a cartwheel.
- 10. Enjoy story time outside.

- 11. Make and play with your very own water table.
- 12. Give the dog a bath with the garden hose.
- 13. Collect and paint pet rocks.
- 14. Create a DIY water wall.
- 15. Look for shapes in the clouds. Bonus: Create stories with the shapes you see!
- 16. Make DIY bubbles.
- 17. Make a gameboard out of chalk.
- 18. Set up an outdoor movie night.
- 19. Play backyard bingo.

20. Go stargazing.

