

Playdough Cooking Challenge

Ages 6–12 · 30–40 min · Small groups

Learning intention

This experience supports children to communicate ideas for a purpose and to collaborate with agency in a group.

You'll need

- Playdough in several colours
- Plastic plates and cutlery
- Optional play kitchen props

How to do it

1. Set the challenge: each group creates a 'dish' from playdough for a panel of judges.
2. Groups plan a menu and decide who makes what.
3. Children present their creations and explain their ideas.
4. Educators judge gently on creativity and teamwork rather than skill.

Framework links

MTOP

- **5.1** Children and young people interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes
- **1.2** Children and young people develop their autonomy, interdependence, resilience and agency

NQS

- **5.2.1** Collaborative learning - Children are supported to collaborate, learn from and help each other.

Get hundreds of NQF-aligned activities, 1-click planning, link children, track NQF outcomes for each child, AI educator observations and reflections. Make NQS 1 portfolios easy with One Child.

www.onechild.com.au