Make Your Own Chalk

You will need:

- toilet paper tubes
- duct tape
- waxed paper
- throwaway plastic container for mixing
- plastic spoon
- ¾ cup warm water
- ½ cup plaster of paris (You can buy this at any craft store.)
- 2–3 tablespoons of powdered tempera paint

Completely **cover** one end of a tube with duct tape. **Line** the inside of the tube with waxed paper. **Pour** warm water into the plastic container. Slowly **add** plaster of paris powder in small amounts, **stirring** with the plastic spoon to mix. When the plaster will no longer dissolve, you've added enough.

Stir in the paint and mix well. **Pour** the mixture into the lined tube and **tap** the tube gently to remove air bubbles. Let the chalk dry for a couple of days and then **remove** it from the tube.

Try out your new chalk by creating sidewalk murals or playing hopscotch. **See** the next page for a fun sidewalk game called **Fox and Geese.**

Important Note:
Do NOT pour plaster of paris down your drain. It will harden and clog your pipes! Use only throwaway containers and utensils when mixing plaster of paris.

P.S. If you would like to make more chalk, just mix up a larger batch. Keep in mind that you usually need three parts water and two parts plaster of paris powder.