



Disney's A Wrinkle In Time + Fatherly present

# The Dancing Oobleck

Our Universe is built of frequencies, forces, and energy that is all invisible to us - until we learn how to look. This is the beauty of physics and the idea that drives Disney's A Wrinkle in Time, the film that follows a fiercely curious girl as she seeks out her missing father, revealing the secrets of the Universe in the process. Inspired by the film, Fatherly + A Wrinkle in Time offer up a wild experiment you can do at home — to learn about frequency, non-Newtonian liquids, and how much fun physics can be.

## What You <del>Need</del>

- Corn starch
- A mixing bowl
- Water
- Food dye
- A cookie sheet or plastic wrap
- A connected subwoofer





# Science Lessons



### Vibrations and Sound

The patterns in this experiment come from the waves. All sounds contain invisible shapes, or wavelengths, and when these bump into each other, wild patterns emerge.

Mind-Blowing Challenge: What else in our world is invisible that we use something else to make visible?

#### Non-Newtonian Liquids

When you add corn starch to water, it creates a substance that is not quite a solid and not quite a liquid. Scientists call this in between state "non-Newtonian."

Mind-Blowing Challenge: Name three other objects that aren't only liquid, only solid, or only gas.





- 1. Lay your subwoofer flat on the ground.
- 2. Place a cookie sheet or plastic wrap over it.
- 3. In a mixing bowl, mix one part water to ~2 parts corn starch (until it both jiggles and runs).

4. Pour enough to fill the cookie sheet or plastic wrap-protected speaker.

5. Search YouTube for "40 Hz Frequency bass test", play the sound, and watch the puddle dance. Now try another frequency (we have found 40- to 60-Hz works best).

6. Add drops of food dye to create swirling patterns.

7. Experiment with more water or more corn starch to change the viscosity of the liquid; play with the frequency; or add different dyes to make swirls and patterns.