

Maracas and Shakers

This activity explores

Patterns



Learning Goals

Create patterns using color, movement and sound; practice counting objects and sounds.



What You'll Need

- Two empty toilet paper rolls
- Markers, washi tape or acrylic paint
- Tape
- Dried beans, rice, buttons or beads

Steps

- **1.** Make a pattern! Decorate the toilet paper rolls with patterns using markers, tape or paint.
- 2. Make maracas! Fold one end of one tube and seal it shut with tape. Place a handful of beans, rice, buttons or beads inside, and seal the other end. Repeat with the other tube.
- 3. Shake, shake! Shake the maracas to the beat of your favorite songs. Make a rhythm your child can copy, and ask them to create their own. Try to incorporate counting and patterns into your rhythms.

Watch Video



Talk Together

- Let's create a pattern together. You start with a beat and then I'll go.
- My pattern has 4 beats: shake, shake, shake, ahh. You try making a pattern with 4 beats!

Book Suggestion

Rhythm Rescue, written by Vicky Weber and illustrated by Geneviève Viel-Taschereau

Online Game

Peg + Cat: Music Maker <u>pbskids.org/peg/games/</u> <u>music-maker/</u>