

Musical Instruments

Create music instruments to enjoy your favorite holiday songs! Bells, Drums, and scarfs are always a favorite with children. You can use an old toilet or paper towel roll with beans and seal up ends to create a noise maker.

Encourage your toddler to imitate actions of shaking and banging with this shaker. Marking time with songs and chants are a great pre-reading skill development. Musical expression can lead to further problem solving and creativity and expand your child's attention span.



Materials needed: Clean toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls, dried beads or beaded necklaces, duct tape. Color rolls if you like with washable markers or glue and paint on tissue paper. Stickers could also be used to embellish the shaker.

Duct tape one end of the shaker and encourage your child to add items to the shaker, use a funnel if putting these items into the hole are at all difficult for your child. Encourage eye-hand and visual perceptual skill development by scooping the beans and adding to the roll. Have your child help seal the other end of roll and shake away.