

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT (SHAKER STICK)

Materials

- Y-Shaped stick
- Dozen metal bottle caps
- Fishing line
- Acrylic paint and brushes
- Assorted decorations; feathers, colored cord, or beads

Prep Work

- Peel the rubber liners from the inside of the bottle caps—this improves the sound.
- Using a hammer, flatten the bottle caps, then use a nail to punch a hole in the center of each one.

Instructions

1. Paint the stick and allow to dry. Decorate with beads/feathers/etc.
2. Thread the caps onto the line and string tautly between the arms of the Y.
3. Tie the line to each arm of the Y, glue if desired.

ACTIVITY

Have the children put together a song, or sing one they already know, accompanied by their new musical instruments and dancing. If they wish, it can be recorded, or performed for their parents.

