



# PERCUSSION: MARACAS

## INSTRUMENT KIT INCLUDES:

- 4 Plastic spoons
- 2 Plastic eggs
- Washi tape (or any other household tape)
- Rice, dried beans

For ages 3+ with adult assistance  
Warning: Choking hazard - contains small parts.



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place rice or beans inside each egg. Place a piece of Washi tape around the middle of each egg.
2. Hold spoons in place around the egg and wrap Washi tape around both the spoons & egg and at the handle.



## HISTORY

Maracas are a hand percussion instrument usually played in pairs. They are mainly used in music from the Caribbean and Latin and South America. Originally discovered in modern-day Chile and Argentina around 500 B.C., the maracas were made from dried gourds or even turtle shells. Musicians filled them with dried beans, pebbles, or beads to make a variety of sounds. Modern day maracas can be made from fiberglass, plastic and other modern materials with different fill ingredients to make high and low pitch instruments for any type of music.

## LEARN HOW TO PLAY THE MARACAS — PLAYING MARACAS WITH JOHN SANTOS

In this video, John Santos teaches how to play maracas.



<https://youtu.be/fUgj-aL6EXg>

## MORE TO EXPLORE!

Re-make these Maracas again with popcorn kernels or beads inside the eggs to make new sounds.