

: ACTIVITY TIME

Percussion Shakers



Now you can make your own percussion instrument! First, find an empty water bottle:

You will want to fill it with about one big handful of noodles. Big, skinny noodles like penne or macaroni work well.



Now it is time to create your artwork for the outside. Here are three patterns you can use:

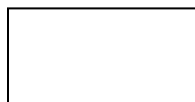
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Select the pattern you would like to use, print it out, cut around the edge, and then color it. You could even use glitter, stickers, or other decorations to make your bottle really colorful! Once you have finished coloring or decorating your pattern, you can attach it to the water bottle using tape or glue.

Congratulations! You have now made your very own percussion instrument, a shaker! Do you like the way the shaker sounds when you move it up and down? Does it sound different if you roll it instead of shaking it? See how many different sounds you can make with the shaker.

Want to make more percussion instruments at home? Check out these websites:

- [Making Percussion Instruments with Arthur](#)
- [Other Musical Instruments with Reading Rainbow](#)