

EASTER MARACAS

A fun, “musical” activity to celebrate Easter Sunday!

MATERIALS:

- Plastic Easter eggs
- Plastic spoons
- Beads, beans, or rice
- Tape (masking or colorful tape)
- Colored **Permanent** Markers

Optional:

- Colored tissue paper
- School glue or Mod Podge



DIRECTIONS:

1. Start by opening the plastic egg, drop enough filler-beans, beads, or rice into the egg filling the bottom half way, close up the egg.



2. Place your egg inside the bowl area of two plastic spoons. Wrap tape completely around at least twice to secure. Wrap a piece of tape around the very bottom of the “handle” a few times.



3. Now here is where you can get very creative. You can continue wrapping in a pretty patterned tape, color them with permanent markers, put on stickers, etc..

Optional: To make them resemble paper mache and a more authentic maraca, mod podge colored tissue onto them. Here's how . . .

1. Paint mod podge all over the surface. Press tissue paper into the mod podge. Paint a coat over top of the tissue, covering thoroughly. Repeat this 2-3 times; 2 or three layers will cover it well and really mimic paper mache pinatas. Allow to dry completely.

2. If you want to add a festive little ruffle cut a piece of tissue $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide so that it wraps around egg with an inch or so overlap. Cut a fringe edge a little more than halfway across the width you cut. Glue strip on the uncut portion, take care not to glue the fringe down.

