Musical Instrument Shakers – Home Learning







Resources

What can you find on your daily walks or in your in your house that makes a lot of noise?

- Pasta, dried beans or lentils
- Cups or bottles
- Sellotape to secure

Instructions

- Search for your resources in your garden or home that you think will make noise.
- ✓ Put them into your cup, bottle, jar etc., making sure to leave room for the resources to move around and make noise.
- Seal your shaker, with a lid if it has one, or sticky tape.
- Move the shaker around to make lots of noise for your dancing.

Learning Goals

This activity provides an opportunity to explore the natural environment whilst looking for your resources. It also allows them to learn through trial and error whilst finding things that make noise, will fit in the jar, and finding ways to seal the shakers together.

There are many teaching moments you can include to support your child's learning and imagination.

Here is some question you might like to ask whilst doing this activity together:

- ✓ Do you think this will make a loud or quiet sound?
- ✓ Will this fit into our shaker?
- ✓ How many can we fit in our jar/cup etc?

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Musical Instrument Guitar – Home Learning





Resources

- Elastic bands
- Lids
- Lollipop sticks or natural sticks
- Art and crafts to decorate your sticks

Instructions

- Decorate the lids or lollipop sticks using a variety of arts and crafts or natural resources you can find outside or in your home.
- Stick the lid onto the stick, for example Velcro, glue etc. Make sure the lid is the correct way.
- Put the elastic bands around the lid, or can you put them on before you stick it to the lollipop stick. Either way is fine!
- Lastly, pluck the strings and you have your very own guitar!

Learning Goals

This activity allows your child to explore what they have in their environment whilst following instructions.

It also allows them to be creative as they decorate their guitars, however they want. This activity incorporates fine motor skills through the children using their fingers when creating and decorating their guitar. You could also incorporate maths by counting the resources used and talking about their shapes.

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Musical Instrument Drum Set – Home Learning





Resources

- Elastic bands
- Tissue paper or normal tissues
- Tins
- Sticks

Instructions

- Explore your outside environments to look for sticks as your drumsticks.
- ✓ Place tissue paper or normal tissue over the tins and secure them with the elastic bands. Watch out for your fingers!
- ✓ Lastly, use your sticks to bang on your new drums to make music to dance too!

Learning Goals

This activity provides an opportunity to explore the natural environment whilst looking for sticks. It also allows the children to develop their find motor skills as they help with the elastic bands.

There are many teaching moments you can include to support your child's learning and imagination.

Here is some question you might like to ask whilst doing this activity together:

- ✓ Can you make loud of quite noises?
- ✓ Do the tins all make the same noises when you tap them?
- ✓ What is making the noise?

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