Maracas

Materials

- Cardboard tube or paper plate
- Dried rice, beans, or beads
- Heavy-duty tape, such as duct tape, or a stapler
- Paper of any color or size
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Drawing materials such as crayons, colored pencils, or markers

Instructions

- To make a paper plate maraca, take a small amount of rice or beans and place them on the plate. Fold the plate in half to create a half-moon shape. Staple along the semicircular edge of the paper plate to secure it. Add paper or drawings to your maraca.
- To make a cardboard tube maraca, place a small piece of paper over one end of the tube. Use a piece of duct tape to cover the paper and secure it to the tube. Put a small amount of rice or beans inside the tube. Cover the other end of with paper and tape in the same way. If you’d like, cut through an additional paper tube lengthwise so it can be wrapped around your maraca. Secure it with tape or glue. Add paper or drawings to your maraca.
- If you do not have duct tape, you can make a cardboard tube maraca by pinching one end of the tube closed. Staple the ends together. Put a small amount of rice or beans in the tube. Pinch the other end shut and staple the ends together. Add paper or drawings to your maraca.

Additional Book Suggestions

*Charlie Parker Played Be Bop* by Chris Raschka

*Before John Was a Jazz Giant: A Song of John Coltrane* by Carole Boston Weatherford