

MARACAS

Description: Students will create a pair of maracas.

Materials:

Balloons (6 inch) **Make sure each student has 4 to 6 balloons, because they might pop!

One cup of Flour

Water

Newspaper Strips **Brown paper bags also work

Handle sticks (Dowel Rods)

Seeds, Pebbles, Beans, Popcorn Kernels, or Peas

Grade: The rubric is included.

Procedure:

DAY ONE

1. Blow up 2 balloons and tie them. Remember, you are making maracas that you will hold with your hands. Keep the balloons small!
2. Mix one cup of water and one cup of flour together in a bowl. If you run out, add more.
3. Tear newspaper or brown paper bags into strips.
4. Dip newspaper strips/brown paper bag strips into flour/water mixture. Place on balloons. Repeat until balloons are covered.
5. Allow 24 hours to dry.

DAY TWO

6. Attach sticks/dowel rods. You may use glue, rubber cement, or a hot glue gun.
7. Cover balloons and sticks with another layer of newspaper strips/brown paper bag strips using the water/flour mixture.
8. Allow 24 hours to dry.

DAY THREE

9. Poke hole in the bottom of the two balloons through the paper maché. Insert seeds, pebbles, popcorn kernels, beans, or peas.
10. Cover entire form with newspaper strips/brown paper bag strips using the flour/water mixture.
11. Allow 24 hours to dry. You are now ready to paint!

DAY FOUR

12. Your maraca must have **THREE DIFFERENT COLORS** and **ONE DESIGN** to receive full credit. You don't have to be an artist. Be creative and do the best you can!
13. After you finish painting, allow your maracas to dry.
14. You are now ready to Shaky-Shake your maracas!