



Music with Miss Caitlin

Egg Shakers



Egg Shakers are a great way to use your leftover Easter eggs. It is a wonderful sensory activity for little ones and older kids can experiment with how you can create different sounds. Then everyone can enjoy creating music together.

Materials:

- **Tape**
- **Scissors**
- **Plastic Eggs**
- **Rice, Dried Beans, Small Pasta, Beads, Couscous, Lentils, or get creative with whatever you might have**

Note: I have found electricians tape to work the best, it seems to last longest and you can stretch it a bit to get a tight, smooth seal. Clear Tape, Packing Tape, and Duct Tape also work, again use whatever you got on hand at the house.

Step 1: Gather Materials



Step 2: Fill the Egg



Step 3: Tape Shut



Step 4: Shake!!! (here are some of our favorites)

I Know a Chicken

Shake Your Sillies Out

Shake It Off

Questions:

1. How do they sound different if you fill the egg with just a little bit, halfway, or all the way full? Which has the best sound?
2. Does filling it up more make the shaker louder or quieter?
3. How do different fillers make the egg sound? Is it different or the same?
4. Do bigger fillers, like beans, sound louder than little fillers, like rice?
5. What happens if you mix different fillers together in the egg? Can you hear different sounds or just one sound?
6. What are some different ways you can play the shaker?
7. Try it different ways and notice if it sounds the same or different. Try fast vs. slow, side to side vs. up and down, loud vs. quiet, spin it or roll it, etc...
8. Can you find a song where you can hear the sound of an egg shaker or maraca?