

The Maraca

Shaker/ maraca: The shaker or maraca originated in South America around 1500 years ago. They were originally made of gourds and filled with seeds to produce a rattling sound when shaken. Handles are attached to the gourds to help control the movement of the instruments. Maracas are now made of wood or plastic. Maracas were traditionally used in Salsa music but now can be heard in lots of different types of music all over the world.

Here is a picture of a pair of maracas



In the following clip you can hear a maraca and see it played:

<https://youtu.be/synrohGwAc> (copy the link into your browser)

This clip is a song. Join in with the songs and activities:

https://youtu.be/84wlVLU_qbk (copy the link into your browser)

Make a Maraca

1. Eat your Pringles and wash and dry the tub.
2. Put the pasta in the tub and replace the lid.
3. Wrap the Pringles tub with the sheet of white paper and seal with the masking tape.
4. Decorate your maracas with South American patterns using the pencil crayons.

Here is a salsa song all the way from South America. Can you hear the maracas being played? Play along with your shakers/maracas you have made:
<https://youtu.be/xUyhAqnu3z8> (copy the link into your browser)