

MAKE A RATTLE!

Cherokee storyteller Gayle Ross used a shaker in her story about Tsisdu, or Rabbit. Every time Rabbit had a part of him taken away, he sang his name, Tsisdu with a shaker or rattle.

Rattles or shakers are musical instruments that are great for keeping musical beats, and are also very fun and easy to make! Follow these instructions or watch the video to make your own shaker or rattle to make music with!



What you need:

Baking Powder can OR plastic water bottle (Any small item with a lid works)



Uncooked Rice, beans, beads, or gravel/small rocks



Construction paper or paint



Tape or Glue



Scissors (If using construction paper)



Colored Pencils or Markers



Optional supplies: glitter, stickers, and a popsicle stick



How to Make a Rattle:

1. Take the lid off your baking powder can OR plastic water bottle and empty the contents. Set lid aside for later. (Save your baking powder in a glass jar or plastic bag if you want to use it for baking later!)
2. Clean out your can or water bottle with soap and water. You can also take off the label on the plastic water bottle! Lay your materials out or use a dry cloth/paper towel to dry them.
3. Add rice, beans, beads, or gravel to your can or water bottle. Fill it up about halfway with the materials. **You now have a shaker!**
Tip: Mix up your shaker materials! Try adding rice with beans, or gravel with beads, or all four in one shaker.
4. Place lid back on your can or water bottle. To make sure the lid stays shut, glue the rim before placing the lid down, or tape the lid shut.
5. Cut a strip of construction paper to fit around your shaker. Decorate the strip with colored pencils, markers, glitter, stickers, or other supplies! Get creative!
6. Place decorated construction paper around your shaker, using glue or tape to secure it. Option: Instead of decorating with construction paper, you can also paint your shaker, let it dry, and add stickers, glitter, or other decorations!
7. Optional Step: Use the scissors to cut a hole in the lid of your shaker big enough for a popsicle stick. Insert one side of popsicle stick and glue around the bottom, making sure that none of the shaker materials inside can get out. Let the glue dry. **Now you have a rattle!**



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