



SAN ANTONIO  
BOTANICAL GARDEN

## Egg Shaker Maracas

Use your leftover plastic eggs to make festive maracas!

### Materials:

- 1 plastic egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- 1 tablespoon of bean seeds
- Colorful duct tape

### Instructions:

1. Give your maraca some noise! Fill a plastic egg with one tablespoon of bean seeds.
2. Place your filled egg in between two plastic spoons and use colorful duct tape to join the handles together.
3. Continue tapping until the entire maraca is covered.
4. Shake and get ready for a fiesta!



### **Optional: Plant your bean seeds**

1. Use the bean seeds from your maracas to grow your own bean plant! Start by gathering your supplies: a cup of water, bean seeds, a pot or plastic cup, and well-draining potting soil.
2. If you would like to grow your own plant make sure that your bean seeds are organic. You can buy beans seeds at the grocery store or online, we recommend Johnny Selected Seeds.
3. Soak the bean seeds in water for at least 3 hours.
4. Fill your pot or plastic cup with well-draining potting soil then dig a small hole 1.5 inches down.
5. Place 2-3 bean seeds in the hole and gently cover.
6. Make sure to keep your soil warm (+70F). Germination should take 1-2 weeks.
7. After the young plant breaks through the surface make sure to keep the soil humid (not dripping wet, not dry) until the young plant has 2 full size leaves, then allow the soil to dry in between watering.
8. Give the young plant partial sun until it has full size leaves, then progressively move the plant into full sun.
9. Harvest should be roughly 50-60 days after germination.

Tip: For optimal results plant 2-3 beans seeds in 3-4 different pots or plastic cups.