



Craft: Rainbow Music Shakers

Supplies Provided: Bottle and lid with hole, 3 ribbons, 6 pom poms, container of rice

Steps

1. Overlap ribbons and push through the hole in the bottle lid by pinching one end in half.
2. Tie ribbon into knot on the underside of the lid.
3. Fill the bottle with rice and pom poms.
4. Twist on the lid and shake!

Educational Play Benefits: Fine motor, musical enjoyment, colors & numbers

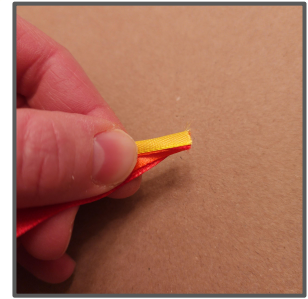
TALKING to your baby or toddler has been proven to be one of the greatest gifts that you can give them. Talk about what you see like the colors of the pom poms and count how many there are as they are put in the bottle.

SINGING doesn't have to be professional with kids. Pick your favorite childhood song to sing to them. You can also take the tune, change the words, and sing about what you see in the room, changing tasks, or trying something new.

READ books that celebrate making music such as *Plinka Plinka Shake Shake* by Emma Garcia, *Kat Keeps the Beat* by Greg Foley, and *Music Class Today!* by David Weinstone.

WRITING requires fine motor skills for grasping the pencil and tracking skills for writing in a line. During the song "If You're Happy and You Know It" have your tot switch the shaker between hands for the last verse. This skill is called "crossing the midline" which improves fine motor and tracking skills.

PLAYING with something as simple as rice allows a baby to explore their world through their five senses.



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CAUTION: Choking hazards may be present for children 0-3. Adult supervision required.



If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it, **give a shake .**

If you're happy and you know it, **give a shake .**

If you're happy and you know it,
And you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it, **give a shake .**

Verses: **Give a tickle, switch your hands**

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