

# 1-2-3!

## Play With Me At Home!

### ***Music Exploration Activity: Egg Shakers***

#### Supplies

- 1 plastic egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- 1 roll of washi tape
- A bag of beans

#### Directions

1. Fill your plastic eggs with the dry beans. This is a great fine motor activity for little hands!
2. Put two spoons together, with the heads of the spoons facing. Grab your washi tape and begin wrapping it tightly around the handles of the spoons.
3. Open the heads of the spoons slightly and set an egg inside the heads of the spoon.
4. Wrap your egg with washi tape, beginning by going over the seam of the egg. Going around with the tape 2-3 times around the seam will make it more secure.

#### Happy Music Making!



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Here are some questions you can ask and activities you can do with your child as you make your egg shaker:

- Can you count how many beans we put in our shaker?
- How fast can we shake our shaker?
- How slow can we shake our shaker?
- Sing a song (Mary Had a Little Lamb, Wheels on the Bus, You Are My Sunshine) and shake the shakers to the song.

Exploring music through play allows your child to make discoveries about themselves and the world around them, develop a larger vocabulary and important pre-reading and math skills, and strengthen their social and emotional skills, as well as their actual musical development and appreciation.

This activity supports the Oklahoma Academic Standard for Fine Arts for Pre-K and Kindergarten: "PK.M.CR.1.1 Explore the elements of music, including: A. Beat/Meter (steady beat) B. Pitch (high/low) C. Tempo (fast/slow) D. Dynamics (loud/quiet)."

