

## Mexican Maracas and Mini Sombreros



### MARACAS

Make your own maracas! Use your imagination to create colourful and festive maracas to enjoy with your friends.

What you'll need:

- 2 Styrofoam or paper cups
- Tan, red and white acrylic paint
- Decorations such as pom-poms and buttons
- Hot glue gun, glue or tape
- Dried beans

How to make it:

1. Paint cups with tan paint and let dry.
2. Decorate cups by painting on swirling or curvy lines. You can also paint zig-zags. Paint the bottom of each cup red.
3. Place a handful of dried beans into one of the cups.
4. Put a layer of glue onto the rim of the cup with the beans in it before quickly placing the other cup on top of it, lining up the rims of both cups. Allow to dry completely.
5. Finish any decorating you would like, such as adding pom-poms around the centre (to hide the glue line).
6. Once your glue is completely dry and secure, shake your maraca!

## MINI SOMBREROS & SOMBREROS TO WEAR

These adorable little sombreros make a fun decoration.

What you'll need:

Styrofoam or paper cup

Mini paper plate

3 cm wide strip of brown felt

2 cm wide strip of red felt

2 cm wide strip of orange felt

Acrylic paint in red and sunflower (tan/yellow)

Medium pom-poms in red, green, yellow, orange, white and brown

Paint brush

Hot glue gun, glue or tape



How to make it:

1. Paint paper plate and Styrofoam cup with yellow paint. Let dry and repeat. Paint the outer edge of the plate rim red. Let dry completely.

2. Hot glue the Styrofoam cup to the centre of the paper plate to form your hat.

3. Glue the brown felt around the bottom of the Styrofoam cup (the edge that is touching the plate) to make the hat band. Glue the red and orange felt over the brown to create stripes.

4. Glue the pom-poms to the red edge of the paper plate, alternating colors as you go (green, white, red, yellow, brown, orange, green, white, etc.).

For a larger version get a circular piece of cardboard or strong paper and a plant pot!

