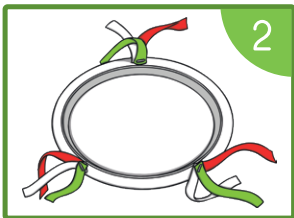


Cinco de Mayo Tambourine Craft

- 2 Paper plates
- Rice, dried beans, or beads
- Stapler with staples
- Green, red, and white ribbon
- Hot glue or craft glue
- Green and red crayons or markers
- Small bells (optional)



Have child color/decorate the outside (bottom) of the paper plates using the green and red crayons or markers. Some symbols children could use, which are included on the Mexican flag, are eagles, cacti, and flowers. Other symbols to use could be stars, dahlias (national flower), sombrero hats (part of traditional horseman uniforms), mariachi instruments, or volcanoes (an important part of Mexican folklore).



Turn one of the plates so the decorated/bottom side is face down. Glue or staple various lengths of red, green, and white ribbon around the edges of the plate.



Place a handful of rice, dried beans, or beads on the inside the plate to use as a noisemaker. Have an adult staple or hot glue the other plate on top. Be sure to use plenty of staples so none of the filling comes out.



If you are using small bells, have an adult hot glue these around the edge of the plate, or tie them to the ends of the ribbons.

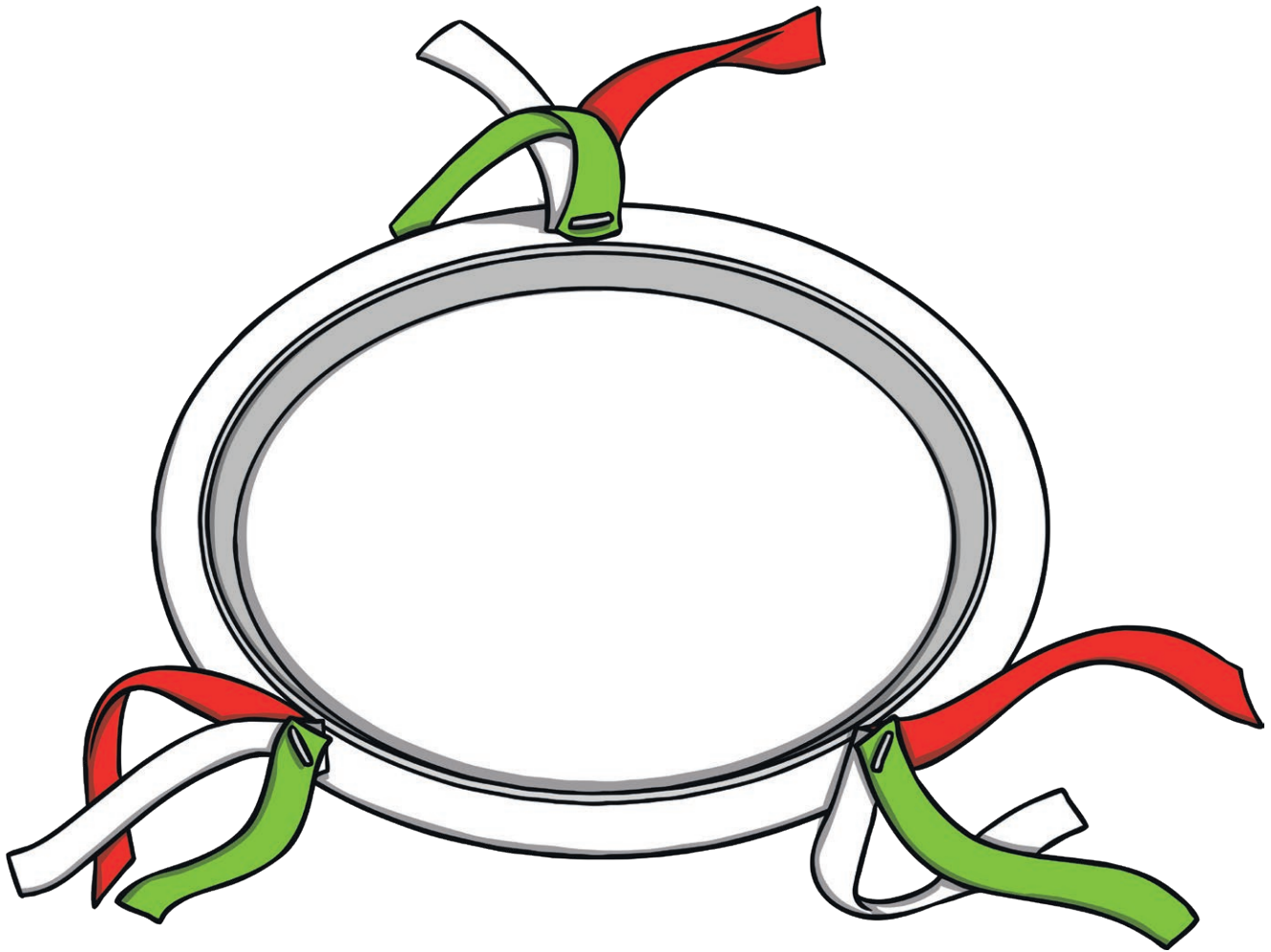


Once everything has been dried and secured, use your tambourine to make joyful celebration music!



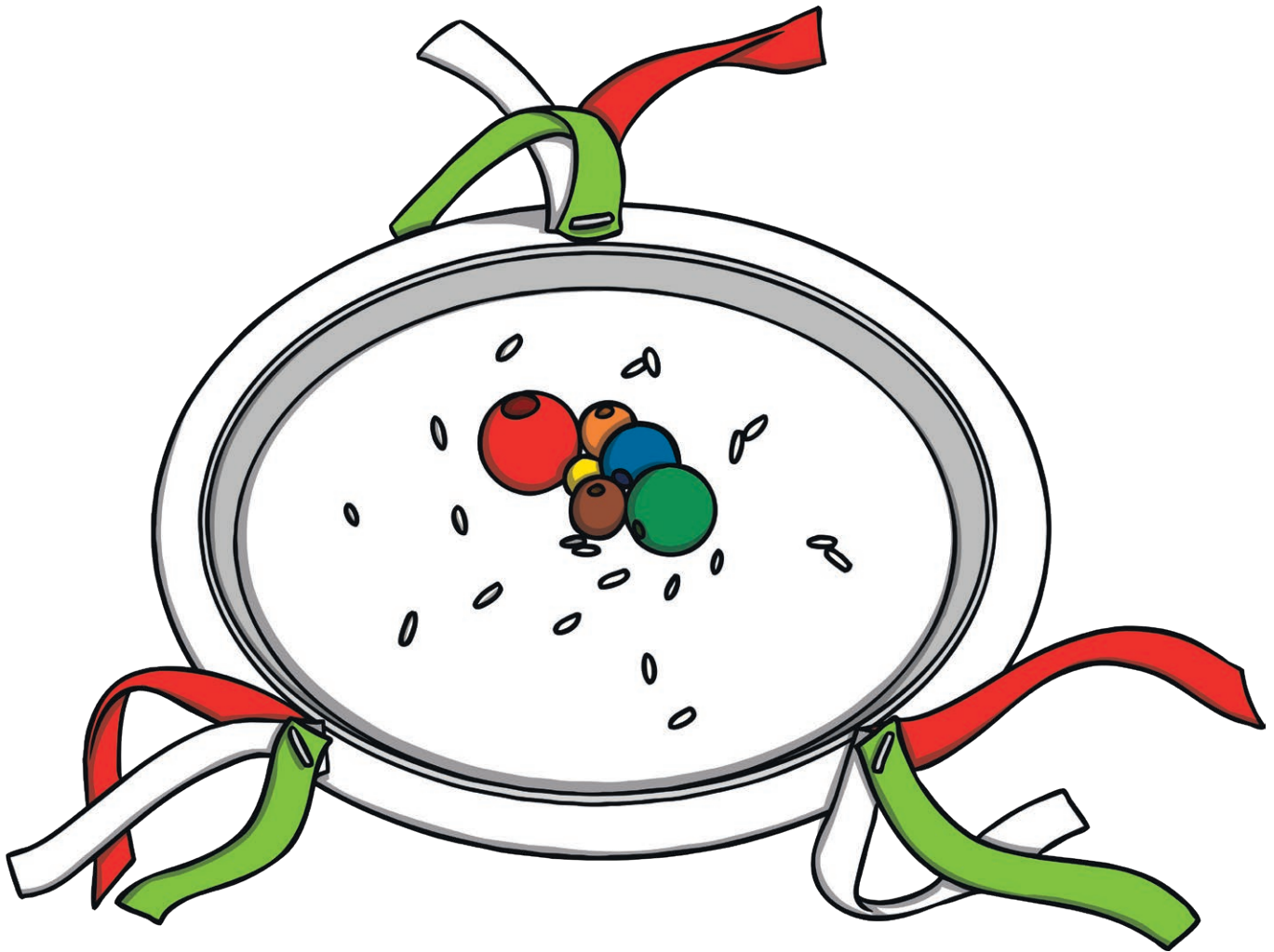
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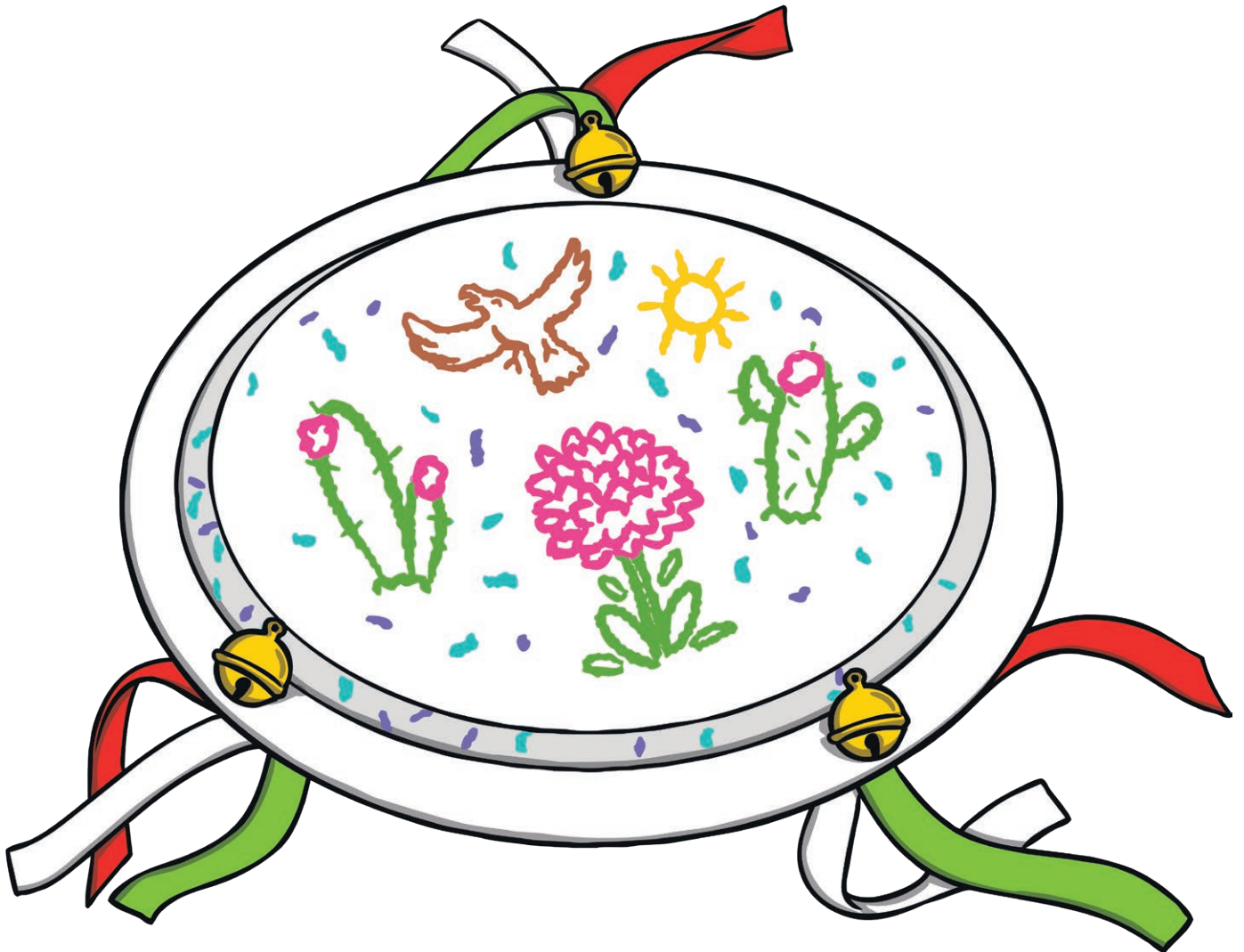
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Step 3

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Step 4

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Step 5

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