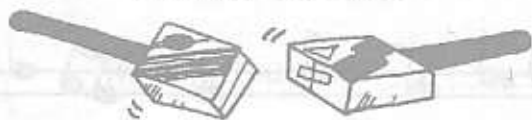


## Maracas



Maracas are easy to make and fun to experiment with. You need a small container with a lid you can close tightly and something you can put into the container to shake. Plastic food holders, soft drink cans with tape over the opening or small cardboard boxes taped shut make good containers. Try popping corn, dried beans or other seeds, small pebbles, or even small screws or nuts and bolts as shakers.

Experiment with different containers and different shakers to see what sounds you get from each. The shape of your container will also make a big difference in the rhythm of the sound.

If you make lots of different kinds of maracas, you will come across one or two that you can shake in many different rhythms to make a really good sound. These are the ones you want to keep for your band.

*I made my maracas out of:*

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*and they looked like this:*

