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## Make Egg Shakers

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**Links to Literacy:** This activity highlights the rhythms and patterns in a book and helps children learn letter-sound relationships.

### What you'll need:

10 plastic eggs

½ cup of each material: rice, beans, salt, paper clips, pennies

electrical tape

basket

\*permanent marker for variation

### What to do:

With your child, divide the eggs into pairs. Place half of each material into the eggs so that 2 eggs have rice, 2 eggs have beans, 2 eggs have salt, etc. Wrap electrical tape all around the center of the egg so that the egg stay securely in place. Put the eggs in the basket and have your child find the matching eggs by shaking each egg and listening to the sound it makes.

Put on some fun music and shake your egg shakers to the beat.

### Variations:

For a younger child, use large plastic eggs. For the older child, add even more sound from other materials you have around your house (buttons, beads, rocks, etc.). It can become very challenging to match sounds as some eggs may have similar sounds.

For Letter Knowledge, use a permanent marker and place an “R” on one egg with the rice, “B” on one egg with the beans, “S” on one egg with the salt, etc. The child can match the sounds and also begin to recognize the letters each item in the egg begins with.

### Suggested music:

“Shake” on CD “Songs for the Whole Day” by Thomas Moore

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