



Instrument Fun



You will need



Various toy instruments or home made 'sound' makers such as bottles filled with rice, pasta or peas, tubs with wooden spoons.



Steps:

- Face your child with some toy or homemade musical instruments between you.
- Play one gently.
- Describe the sounds 'ding-a-ling-a-ling', 'rattle, rattle' or 'scunch, scunch.'
- Watch your child – Play it again – encouraging them to turn their head towards the sound.
- Try different sound makers (bells, rattles, drums, rain sticks or a space blanket).
- Comment 'wow, that's loud!' or 'That's a nice sound'.

Making Music:

- Fill tubs and bottles with dried pasta, peas, rice, beans or pebbles – exploring them in trays first.
- Shake them for your child and let them try too.
- Try slowly and quickly.
- Comment on the sounds you make together.



- Try singing a simple rhyme with your child and adding the use of a shaker or drum. Repeat the rhyme several times.
- Stop singing / playing at various intervals and allow for your child to indicate / communicate they want you to carry on.



What's next?