

Hispanic Heritage Elementary Teacher Instructions and Reproducible Activity

With this activity, students will use a reproducible worksheet to create 3-D maracas to display on the bulletin board.

Supplies needed: reproducible maraca sheets, colored pencils, crayons, markers, popsicle sticks, glue/tape, and rice/pasta/paper (for stuffing maracas)

- 1. Distribute maraca worksheets to all students.
- 2. Tell students to color and decorate both sides of their maracas using their own personal designs.
- 3. Once all students have colored and decorated their maracas, pass out the scissors and have them cut out both sides of their maracas.
- 4. As the students are cutting, pass out glue sticks to them.
- 5. Instruct them to glue the two sides of their maracas together, but to leave an opening at the top and an opening at the bottom. (The size of the opening depends upon what the maracas will be filled with—if using paper, leave a large opening, if using rice/pasta, leave a smaller opening.)
- 6. Once the students have glued the two sides together, give them each a popsicle stick to use as a handle, and have them glue or tape the handle to the inside back side of the maraca. Make sure the area around the handle is sealed properly. Instruct the students to write their names on the popsicle stick.
- 7. Instruct the students to fill their maracas carefully—so they don't tear the paper. Don't use too much—a little rice or pasta goes a long way! Once they are filled, have the students glue the opening closed. Once the glue is dry, make some noise!
- 8. Display maracas on or near the bulletin board.



