

MAKE YOUR OWN

# MONSTER JAWBONE RATTLES

## Information



One of the most unusual rattles you can find around the world comes from the Afro Peruvian culture. It's called a *guijada* and is made from the jawbone of a donkey. The jawbone is held in one hand and rapped with the other, creating the sound of teeth rattling in their sockets. Instead of an actual jawbone, we've found a way you can make a monster Jawbone rattle at home from basic supplies such as empty egg cartons.

## Supplies

- Egg Carton
- 12 small items that will fit in the spaces of the egg carton, such as jingle bells, pebbles, marbles, plastic bottle caps or macaroni
- Clear packing tape
- Monster face cut-outs
- Crayons or markers for coloring the monster faces

## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED



Start with an empty egg carton and find twelve smaller items to put into the spaces where the eggs were packed. You can use pebbles, macaroni, large beads, buttons or jingle bells. Close up the container and seal with packing tape if you're using a carton that has holes in the top.

## COLOR A MONSTER FACE

Check out some of the monster faces we've created. You can print out a colorful one or a black and white version and decorate it with crayons, markers or paints. Or draw a monster of your own!

Place your finished face on top of the egg carton and seal it together with packing tape. If you'd like to play it like the Peruvian *quijada*, hold it in one hand and rap it on the side with your fist. The smaller items will jangle in the egg carton's spaces just like loose teeth.

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## PLAY YOUR MONSTER RATTLE

You can also simply shake, rattle and roll with this instrument. Shake it back and forth in your hand, dance with it or lay it down on a table or desk in front of you and tap on it for a nice percussive sound. Experiment and see what sounds the best to you!

## MAKE A FEW MONSTERS

If you have several egg cartons, you might want to make a few and fill up the spaces with different items - each one will have a distinctive sound. You can give each one their own personality as well by decorating them differently.



We hope you have a monsterously good time with this musical craft!

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