



BE A SHAKER MAKER!

Follow these instructions to make your own version of an Aztec shaker, a **sonaja**.

Supplies:

- 1 plastic easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Scotch tape or masking tape
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of rice or dried beans

1. Open the easter egg and fill with your rice or beans
2. Close the egg and fasten with tape
3. Place the egg between the spoons, so that the spoons “hold” the egg
4. Measure 2 pieces of tape: 12 inches long and 6 inches long
5. Wrap the short piece of tape around both ends of the spoon handles
6. Wrap the long piece around end that holds the egg
7. **Shake your sonaja!** The correct way to hold a sonaja is to make an L with your index finger and thumb. Then, wrap your hand around the egg, not by gripping the handle.

Remember, when shaking your sonaja, it is important to respect the people who honor their heritage through Aztec music and dance.

