Looking for a noisemaker that's more musical than your typical preschooler’s banging and clanging? Try this quick arts and crafts activity that will produce a homemade paper plate tambourine! It’s easy to make with supplies you probably already have on hand, and it makes a great toy. No wonder it’s a classic!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Set one paper plate on the table and have your child drop a good handful of beans on it.
2. Top with the other plate, face side down, and staple the edges of the plates together. Make sure the staples are close enough together that no beans can escape! *Run a butter knife over the back of staples to flatten them to ensure they are smooth.
3. When the tambourine is fully constructed, hand your child the art supplies and let them go crazy with the decorations! Stickers, finger paint, even feathers and ribbons will give this quick craft a touch of flair to last through many musical numbers!

Want to take this activity to the next level? Try using bells or other ‘noise making’ items in-between the plates!

Materials:
- 2 paper plates
- A handful of dried beans
- A stapler
- Textas, stickers, glitter glue, etc