

Polystyrene Cups—a simple house hold item that with a little imagination can be turned into - a Peek a Boo Snake, a Simple Shaker, a Sweetie Holder or a Wobbly Flower.

Peek a Boo Snake

What you need :-

- Polystyrene cup
- Glue stick & PVA glue
- Double sided tape (optional)
- Brown and yellow string
- Green furry pipe cleaner
- Scrap of yellow funky foam
- Yellow and orange felt
- Drinking straw and feathers
- Googly eyes and scissors.

1. Make a hole in the centre of the cup for the straw to fit through. Rub the glue stick over the outside of the cup. Wrap the brown and yellow string around the cup until covered. Use PVA glue to stick the coloured feathers inside the cup and a length of green pipe cleaner around the base.
2. Cut a snake shape as long as the straw, from yellow felt. Cut the same shape from yellow foam (you only need the top half of the snake where the straw will be attached). Cut a tongue from orange felt. Stick the googly eyes to the front of your snake and the tongue on the back.
3. Stick the yellow foam shape to the back of the felt head with PVA glue or tape and then attach the straw. Once dry, poke the straw down through the hole in the cup.



Sweetie Holder

What you need:-

- Polystyrene cup
- Two different coloured pipe cleaners
- Glue stick
- Cellophane sweet wrappers
- Cocktail stick and pencil
- Sweets

1. Using a cocktail stick and pencil, carefully make two holes in the top rim of the cup. They must be opposite one another and big enough for a pipe cleaner to pass through.
2. Take one pipe cleaner and poke it through one hole. Fold over the end on the inside of the cup to hold it in place.
3. Repeat with the other end of the pipe cleaner on the other side of the cup to form a handle. If you like twist a different coloured pipe cleaner around the handle to give it extra colour.
4. Use glue stick to cover one side of the cellophane sweet wrappers and stick them one by one onto the cup. Overlap them to ensure you cover all the cup area. Fold and stick the wrappers over the top and a little way down the inside of the cup too. When dry, fill the cup with sweets.

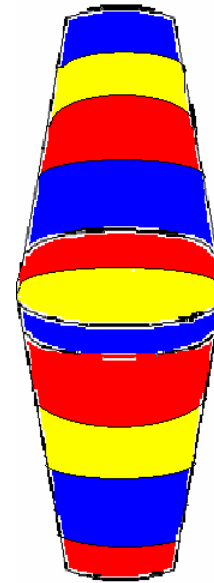


Simple Shaker

What you need :-

- Polystyrene cups
- Cup lids (optional)
- Plastic insulating tape in different colours
- Dry pasta, rice, or popcorn kernels.
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1. For the double shaker, take two polystyrene cup and partly fill them with either dry pasta, rice or popcorn kernels.
2. Put the two cups together and carefully wind a piece of coloured tape around the middle to join them. Use another piece of the same coloured tape to make sure the cups are securely joined.
3. Then take pieces of different coloured tape and cover the rest of the two cups creating a striped effect.
4. To make a single shaker, put a lid on a polystyrene cup and partly fill with the shaker mix as before.
5. Using different coloured tape, create a different striped effect by taking the tape from the bottom of the cup, over the lid and down the other side.



Wobbly Flower

What you need:-

- Polystyrene cup
- Red funky foam
- Sticky foam flowers and butterflies
- 1 yellow and several brown pompoms
- Green pipe cleaner
- Green watercolour paint
- Cotton wool balls
- Sticky tape & PVA glue
- Pencil & Scissors

1. Use a cotton wool ball to spread the green paint onto the cup to give a grass effect. Allow to dry.
2. Draw and cut out a flower shape from red foam and glue a yellow pompom to the centre. Attach the green pipe cleaner stem to the back of the flower with sticky tape.
3. Stick some flower and butterfly foam shapes around the painted cup.
4. Fill the cup one third full with cotton wool balls and push the stem of the flower into the centre of the balls. Now fill the cup to the top with brown pompoms to represent earth.
5. Gently move the cup from side to side to make your flower wobble.