



GÜIRO

For this activity you will need:

- Water bottle with ridges
- Stickers
- Bead, pebbles, or popcorn kernels
- Chopsticks, whisk, or unsharpened pencil



Introduction:

September 15th- October 15th is annually celebrated in the United States as **National Hispanic Heritage Month**. National Hispanic Heritage Month traditionally honors the cultures and contributions of both Hispanic and Latin Americans as we celebrate heritage rooted in all Latin American countries.

In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the STEAM Challenge this week will be to make a Güiro! A Güiro, also called a “fish” is an instrument from Latin America that makes noise when a stick is pulled over a series of ridges. Originally güiros were made from natural objects like dried gourds or bones that had ridges carved into them. The güiro is commonly used in Cuban, Puerto Rican, and other forms of Latin American music and plays a key role in musical genres like son, trova, and salsa.





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Directions:

1. Take the wrapper off of your water bottle.
2. Decorate your bottle with stickers or markers (you can also leave it clear).
3. Fill up your bottle with beads, popcorn, or pebbles. You can even add a little glitter or confetti for fun!
4. Put the cap back on your bottle. You can add ribbon to the cap of your bottle for extra flare!
5. Your Güiro is now ready to play! Play and sing along to the song below!

La Cucaracha (Bilingual version by Daria Marmaluk-Hajioannou):

La cucaracha, la cucaracha

Ya no puede caminar

Porque no tiene, porque le falta

Dinero para gastar

The little cockroach, the little cockroach,
I saw him just the other day
I like him best when, he takes his things and...
He gets his friends and moves away!

The little cockroach, the little cockroach,
He likes to play up with the band
Upon the guiro, he is a hero
He's got the fastest moving hands



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