

# iOlé! flamenco

## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Art, Dance, Family Traditions, World Cultures

**Grade Level:** 2nd to 6th grade

**Book Brief:** This book explores the history of flamenco dancing and how it continues to thrive around the world today.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Do any of the children dance or play instruments? What kind of dancing do they like? What kind of music do they play? Read the book's introduction and share a little bit about the history of flamenco with the group.

*Note: This book should be used as a resource. Don't try to read it all at once!*

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### CARDBOARD CASTANETS (AGES 8-12)

Materials: cereal box cardboard, scissors, 2 large buttons, tacky glue, markers

1. Cut cardboard into strips 6 in. long and 2 in. wide.
2. Decorate one side with markers. Glue buttons on each end of the strips on the blank side.
3. Fold the strips in the middle; buttons will make a clicking sound when they touch.

To use, hold one "castanet" in each hand. Turn on some flamenco music and click away!

### PUTTING ON A SHOW (AGES 5-12)

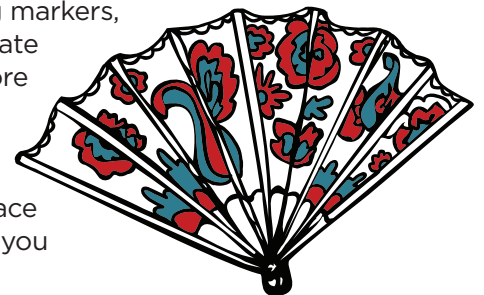
Organize a flamenco performance at your center! Watch a few videos at [www.flamenco-world.com](http://www.flamenco-world.com) for inspiration. Put children into pairs or groups and have them create their own flamenco dances. Invite parents or other community members to come watch them perform!

### FLAMENCO FANS (AGES 6-12)

Materials: paper, paint or markers, glue, stapler, optional decoration (sequins, lace, etc.)

1. Fold 2 pieces of paper accordion style. Staple both pieces together at the bottom.
2. Glue the edges of the folds together to form 1 large fan.
3. Spread folded paper out to create a fan shape.

4. Have kids paint fans.  
(If you're using markers, kids can decorate the paper before you fold it into a fan.) When dry, decorate with sequins, lace or other items you choose.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Piñata Maker* (1994), *My Neighborhood* (2005), *Powwow* (1993), *Pablo Remembers* (1993), *Come and Eat!* (2011).

### TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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