## The Ointment Maker

**Environment:** Giant nose - blocked with green voiles, dusters, squidgy, coloured balls and 'bacteria'. Giant white 'handkerchiefs and boxes of tissues. Looped sneeze sound. Spices, herbs and citrus fruits in hanging baskets on pulleys. "Ye Olde Remedies" - more spices, sieves, funnels on shelves, tambours, drums and tongue drums. Laboratory and Machine - with carpet tubes, silver foil and metal bins. Looped machine sounds. Tub of creams/ointments, bottle of dolly mixture 'tablets'. Sterile hats and gloves for all







Nose Hear the sound of sneezing, find giant nose, help unblock it! Pull out the long green voiles - yeuck! All kinds of tactile, coloured objects come flying out when nose sneezes, catch them and play - roll, throw, squash, see the flashing lights - have fun together.

**Ingredients** Time to make ointment and meds - choose your ingredients one basket at a time - lower the baskets down (and up) and down again 1) Cinnamon bark, star anise, cloves, oregano. 2) Rosemary, coriander, mint 3) lemons, limes and oranges. Drop ingredients onto drums and gatos - listen to the sounds, mix them up and add more - choose tubs and baskets from the shelves and add to the mix, playing the sounds and singing the names, until tambours are full of lovely smelling sounds and textures.



**Machine** Switch on the machine's flashing lights, hear the machine sound. Explore machine then load ingredients into tubes, hear them roll down and land in bins. Climb inside, see coloured lights reflect on space blankets, watch the mix appear at the ends of the tubes.

**Ointment and medication** As machine comes to a halt, a tub of your own home-made creams and tablets appears through front opening. collect and find space to .....

**Chill** Care for each other, massaging hands, feet, faces with beautiful smelling creams. Calm, peaceful, lots of focused 1-1 work. Enjoy taking your dolly-mixture meds before clocking off and returning to the decontamination area.

**Evaluation** Bizarre nose section quite difficult with most groups - difficult concept to understand - kids and wheelchair users seemed to enjoy it the most - kids suspending disbelief and wheelchair users enjoying the sound and the tactile elements. The 'ingredients' section worked very well. Great response to pulleys again - enjoying the up/down play. Ingredients, with their sensory qualities were greatly enjoyed, especially mixing them all up. The machine, with its playful sound and simple task - putting things down tubes was also greatly engaged with. Massaging with creams helped to chill group and enabled lots of touch and contact.

