

How to Make Instruments at Home

◆ Drums



Real drum



Homemade drum

Materials Needed:

Tin Can
Balloon
Marker
Construction Paper
OR Paint

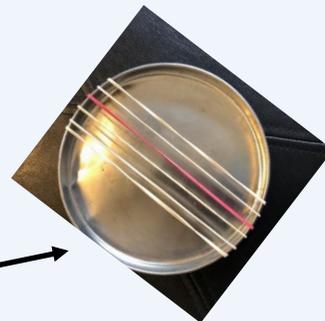
Steps:

1. Ask an adult to empty, rinse, and dry a tin can for you (leave the lid off)
2. Cut the bottom portion off the balloon and stretch the top part around the top of the can
3. Decorate the sides of the can with construction paper or paint
4. Play your drum! You can use a marker as a drum stick, or just use your hand!

◆ Guitar



Real guitar



Homemade guitar

Materials Needed:

Tin Lid, Box, or Baking Tin
Rubber Bands

Steps:

1. Empty the tin object you are choosing to use
2. Carefully stretch rubber bands around the whole container. Use 6 to make as many strings as a guitar!
3. Play your guitar by strumming or plucking the "strings"

◆ Rainstick



Real rainstick



Homemade rainsticks

Materials Needed:

Empty Paper Towel
or Toilet Paper Roll

Rice, Lentils, OR Dried
Beans

Construction Paper

Scissors

Rubber Bands

Tape

Markers

Steps:

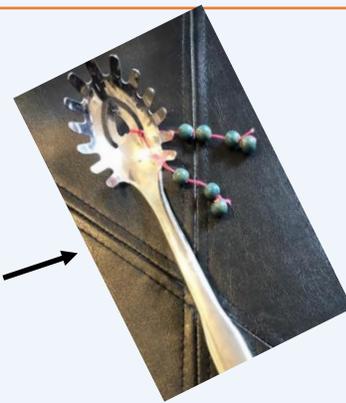
1. Cut 2 squares out of construction paper (roughly 3" x 3" each)
2. Place a square on one end of the roll's opening and fold down around the sides, securing the rubber band around the paper
3. Through the open end of the roll, pour a little bit of rice, lentils, or dried beans. Use about a fourth a cup for a paper towel roll, less for the toilet paper roll
4. Cover the open end with the second square and fold down around the sides, securing the rubber band around the paper
5. Wrap the tube in construction paper, securing the paper with tape. Decorate the paper using your markers!
6. Play your rainstick by gently turning it upside down repeatedly!

◆ Spin Drum



← Real Spin Drum

Homemade Spin Drum →



Materials Needed:

Kitchen Utensil with
Hole in the Center OR
a Wooden Spoon

String

Beads

Steps:

1. If you are using a kitchen utensil like mine that already has a hole in the center, tie a piece of string around the center hole so that the string stays in place.
OR
Ask a grown up to hot glue a piece of string in the center of both sides of the wooden spoon.
2. Add beads to the ends of the string on both sides of the utensil
3. Play your spin drum by twisting it back and forth

The following instruments I was unable to test myself as I did not have the materials needed at home; however, others have found success with them online!

◆ Cymbals



← Real Cymbals

Homemade Cymbals →



Materials Needed:

2 Old CDs or DVDs

String or Yarn

Steps:

1. Loop your string or yard through the center hole of the DVD or CD and tie the ends of the string together
2. Play your cymbals by slapping them together!

◆ Tambourine



← Real Tambourine



Homemade Tambourine →

Materials Needed:

2 Paper Plates

String or Yarn

Jingle Bells

Markers

Scissors or Hole
Punch

Steps:

1. Place the two paper plates on top of each other with the “eating” side facing towards the middle
2. Ask a grown up to use a hole punch or scissors to make little holes every 2 inches around the outside of the plates
3. Lace the string or yarn through the holes on the plates, connecting them together
4. Tie the string or yarn off by attaching a jingle bell
5. Decorate the plates with your markers
6. Play your tambourine by shaking it or tapping it gently in the center with your hand!

◆ Egg Shakers and Maraca



← Real Egg Shakers
and Maraca

Homemade Egg
Shakers and Maraca →



Materials Needed:

Plastic Egg or
Container that Opens

Rice, Lentils, or Dried
Beans

Tape

Two Spoons (Maraca)

Steps:

1. Place a small amount of rice, lentils, or dried beans in your plastic container
2. Close the plastic container and secure with tape around the opening
3. To turn your instrument into a maraca, place two spoons around the egg and secure the spoons together by taping the stems together
4. Play your instrument by gently shaking!