

DIY Musical Instruments

KAZOO

Supplies:

- 1 toilet paper roll
- 1 wax/parchment paper
- 1 elastic band
- Pencil/pen



Instructions:

1. Decorate the toilet paper roll.
2. Place wax paper on one of the open ends of the roll.
3. Using the elastic, tightly attach the wax paper to the roll.
4. Poke a small hole in the middle of the toilet paper roll with a pencil/pen.
5. Sing and make fun sounds through the open end of the roll.



CASTANET

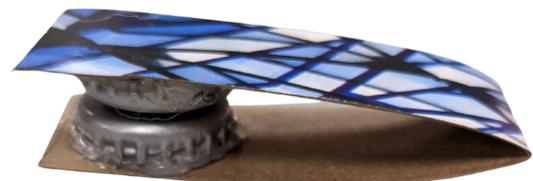
Supplies:

- 1 piece of cardboard
- 2 metal bottle caps
- Tape or glue



Instructions:

1. Decorate the plain side of the piece of cardboard.
2. Choose which side of cardboard you want to be on the outside.
3. Fold the piece of cardboard in the middle so that there is a crease. (If the piece of cardboard is too long for small hands once folded in half, trim both ends for a better fit.)
4. On the inside of the cardboard, glue or tape the metal bottle caps with the rims facing down.
5. To play the castanet, place the instrument between your thumb and other fingers, close your hand to make the bottle caps tap against one another.



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HARMONICA

Supplies:

- 2 craft sticks
- 1 large elastic
- 2 small elastics
- 2 small pieces of paper
- Tape or glue
- *check craft sticks for splinters before use*



Instructions:

1. Decorate one side of each craft stick.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half 3-4 times.
3. Use tape or glue to attach each folded piece of paper to the inside of 1 craft stick, while leaving about an inch on either end.
4. Attach the large elastic around the long end of the second stick.
5. Use the small elastics to secure both craft sticks together one on top of the other, with the two folded paper pieces between the two sticks.
6. Blow into the middle space between the two elastics to make different sounds.



WASHBOARD

Supplies:

- Egg carton
- 1 chopstick



Instructions:

1. Decorate the bottom of the egg carton.
2. Hold the egg carton in one hand upside down and use the chopstick to make sounds up and down the carton.

DRUM

Supplies:

- 1 tin/can/pot
- 2 chopsticks
- Your hands



Instructions:

1. Add more decorations to the side of your musical tin.
2. Use the tin as a drum! Try using chopsticks and your hands. Try drumming on the top, the bottom and the sides!

Musical Activities

CLAPPING SYLLABLES

Count word syllables with claps, stomps or tap two sticks together. Look around the house or outside for words to practice with. Can you make a rhythm by doing two or three words in a row?

Hat - Snowman - Hat - Snowman

Yellow - Banana - Yellow - Banana

Learning syllables helps kids learn word decoding and chunking, which can assist with reading with fluency and accuracy later on.

DRAW THE MUSIC

Crayons/Makers/Pencil

Paper

Play music out loud and ask kids to draw what they hear. Is the music big and loud? Is the music quiet? Is it sharp or smooth? Does the song make you want to use a certain colour?

TISSUE DANCE

Tissues

Music

Space to move

Put a tissue on your head, play music and dance without letting the tissue fall. If it falls, catch it before it hits the ground.

DIY XYLOPHONE

4 (or more) Water Glasses

Water

Wooden Spoon

Fill the glasses with different amounts of water. Line up the glasses from least full to most full. Gently tap the glasses to make sounds. Try tapping the side of the glass and then the rim, is the sound different?



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