

Homemade Music

Make as many of these instruments as you have time for. When you are finished, hold a group jam session to accompany a familiar song.

Decide which instruments are safe for small children to use.



<p>Tambourine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 sturdy paper plates • stapler or glue • hole punch • string • jingle bells • crayons 	<p>Staple or glue plates together, facing each other. Make holes around the edge and tie on bells. Decorate with crayons.</p>
<p>Chimes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ruler or stick • metal washers (different sizes) • string • mixing spoon 	<p>Tie washers to string, then wind string around the ruler or stick. Strike the washers with the mixing spoon to play.</p>
<p>Horn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • paper towel roll • wax paper • rubber band • pen 	<p>Put wax paper over one end of towel roll and secure it with rubber band. Punch holes along one side of roll with the tip of a pen. To play, sing a tune into the open end of the horn.</p>
<p>Cymbals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two metal pot covers 	<p>To play, strike together.</p>

<p>Xylophone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tall glasses or jars • water • mixing spoon 	<p>Pour water into glasses or jars to different heights. To play, gently strike glasses with mixing spoon. Experiment to see how the water level changes the pitch. (For older children!)</p>
<p>Comb Buzzer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pocket comb • tissue paper 	<p>Fold tissue paper over the toothed edge of comb. To play, hum through the tissue paper.</p>
<p>Hand Bells</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 paper towel rolls • hole punch • 4 jingle bells • string or yarn 	<p>Punch holes in ends of towel rolls. Tie bells to each side of the roll.</p>
<p>Tissue Box Lute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • empty tissue box • Rubber bands of different sizes 	<p>Stretch rubber bands around box, the short way, and pluck.</p>
<p>Cactus Rain Stick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wrapping paper roll • rice, seeds or small beans • tape • long, straight pins 	<p>Fill roll with rice and tape ends closed. Poke straight pins through roll. They should be placed randomly and reach all the way across. Wrap tape around the tube to cover the pins. When the cylinder is turned upside down, the falling rice makes the sound of rain.</p>

<p>Trumpet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • piece of plastic tube or hose, about 75 cm • plastic funnel • coloured tape or ribbon • plastic funnel 	<p>Decorate funnel with tape or ribbon. Push it into one end of the hose and tape them together. Loop the hose once to make it look like a trumpet and tie the loop. When you blow into the hose, make different sounds by pressing your lips tighter together, or letting them relax a little.</p>
<p>Plastic Egg Shakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plastic Easter eggs • filling: rice, barley, sand, etc. • glue gun, and hot glue 	<p>Put a little filling into each egg and glue it shut. Use different fillings and let the children compare the sounds.</p>
<p>Sandpaper Blocks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wood blocks • felt • medium grit sandpaper • white glue 	<p>Cut felt and sandpaper to fit the size of wood blocks. Glue felt, then sandpaper to one side of wood.</p>
<p>Jingle Bracelets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ponytail elastics • jingle bells • elastic thread 	<p>Tie several bells to elastics. Use when singing songs with hand movements.</p>

These ideas came from:

www.makingfriends.com/musical_instruments.htm

<http://familycorner.com/>

www.suite101.com/

www.squidoo.com/

www.nancymusic.com

