

Homemade musical instruments

Marching drum



You will need:

- Old coffee tin
- Paint
- Sequins, stickers, ribbon etc to decorate
- PVA glue
- Strong glue
- Ribbon/cord (to allow the drum to be worn)
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Instructions:

Paint the tin and leave to dry. Decorate the drum with stickers, glitter, ribbon and anything else that you fancy.

Make two holes in the tin lid, thread through some cord or ribbon and tie tight knots on the underside of the lid so the cord is secure. With strong glue stick the lid onto the tin.

Wear your drum and march with pride.

If you do not have drum sticks, why not paint and decorate two wooden spoons to use as drum sticks or use your hands?

Castanets



You will need:

- Paper plate
- Paints
- Lids from plastic milk/juice bottles
- Strong glue

Instructions:

Paint circles around the back of the paper plate working inwards from red to orange to yellow to green to blue to purple to create a rainbow effect - or decorate however you want – and leave to dry.

Fold the plate in half (with the paint to the outside).

Using glue, stick milk bottle lids along the inside edge of the plate, making sure to leave a gap a couple of inches either side of the fold line.

When the glue is dry, play your castanets by holding between your thumb and fingers and clicking together.

Rainmaker



You will need:

- A snack tube or a long cardboard tube (such as used for kitchen foil)
- Paint
- Glitter and se
- Sequins
- Glue
- Lentils or rice

To make:

Paint your tube and leave to dry. Decorate the tube with sequins and glitter.

Fill the tube about 1/5 full of rice or lentils and glue the lid on securely. If you are using a kitchen foil tube, you will need to cut circles of card or paper and fix them very securely over each end.

Tip the tube from side to side to hear the rice fall.

African drum



You will need:

- A terracotta plant pot – or something similar, you could use a disposable cup to make a mini drum!
- Acrylic paints
- Sheet of paper
- Elastic band

Instructions:

Paint your pot or cup with any design you like, can you find an African pattern you might like to copy?

Cut a large circle of paper and fasten it over your pot with the elastic band, pulling it tight.

Play away.

Cup shaker



You will need:

- 2 polystyrene cups
- Green and purple paint
- Dried beans or rice
- Gold star stickers
- Sticky tape

Instructions:

Paint one cup purple and one green.

Leave to dry and then decorate with stickers.

Fill one cup about 1/3 full of rice or bean. Turn the other cup upside down and tape securely together.

Shake and enjoy!

Rainbow shaker



You will need:

- A drink bottle
- coloured beads/ rice or pasta – you could colour the rice or pasta in rainbow colours!
- Stickers, sequins, paints, tissue paper to decorate the bottle
- Tissue paper (or ribbon) in all the colours of the rainbow
- Sticky tape

Instructions:

Wash and dry your bottle well.

Pour in some beads and fasten the bottle tightly – tape or glue in place if you want to make sure it is extra secure!

Decorate your bottle with the stickers, sequins, glue, tissue paper - be as creative as you like.

Cut one strip of tissue paper in each colour. Arrange them around the neck of the bottle and tape in place.