

# Making Musical Instruments

C1048



Shaker

## Shaker

Place 5cm of something tiny like pinecones, sand, shells or pebbles in a clear bottle or container. Glue and tape lid making sure containers are securely taped at the top.

## Scrapers

Make Guiro (pronounced 'queero') by cutting closely spaced parallel grooves in dowel or use corrugated cardboard. Scrape stick across grooved or corrugated surface to make sound.

## Drums

Tap on kitchen pots, pans, baking bowls or containers with a wooden or metal spoon. Different containers make different sounds. Clap empty coconut shells cut in half together. Tap glasses filled with different levels of water with spoons.

## Rattle

Nail bottle tops loosely on to a piece of wood. Shake it to the music.

## Temple Bell

A golden syrup tin with half a cork inside.

## Cymbals

Use the lids of pots and pans to bang together.

## Tamborine

Ice cream carton lids with bells tied in the corners, key chimes. Jingle Jingle!

Make and play musical instruments. Simple household materials like kitchen utensils can make music. Consider these ideas and add your own ideas.



## Homemade Instruments



Rhythm Sticks



Guitar



Drums

## Making a Guitar

Make two rows of nails on a block of wood. Stretch rubber bands over pairs of nails. Pluck the rubber bands like guitar strings.

To make a guitar - cut a hole about four inches in diameter in the top of a strong box (shoe boxes work well). Stretch a variety of rubber bands around the box. Let your child decorate their guitars or glue ribbons or glitter stars to them. Strum a tune!

### Body Percussion

- Clapping
- Whistling
- Stamping
- Blowing
- Clicking tongue
- Clicking fingers
- Tapping
- Humming
- Shouting
- Whispering
- Slapping body

## Rhythm Sticks/Claves

pronounced 'clah-vays'

Stuff empty paper towel tubes with newspaper for tapping on each other or using as drum sticks on boxes or pots. Other options are flax branches, or wooden pegs or dowel from broom handles cut to different lengths for different sounds 220mm, 175mm, 120mm.

