



# Let's make some instruments and play!!!

There are all sorts of instruments you can make from things from around the house. From shakers, to drums to panpipes to maracas!!!

Here are a few ideas to start making your band or orchestra but experiment with what you have

at home and have some fun!!

## Panpipes

### What you need:

Straws

Cardboard strips

Double sided sticky tape

Pens

### Method:

Take five wide straws and cut them into varying lengths, e.g. 6 inches, 5.5 inches, 5.0 inches etc.

If you want to get technical and have them tuned to a major scale then:

Do – 17.5 cm	Re – 15.5 cm	Mi – 13.5 cm	Fa – 12.5 cm
So – 11 cm	La – 10 cm	Ti – 9 cm	Do – 8.5 cm

Cut two strips of cardboard to 7 inches x 1.5 inches. Decorate these with fun drawings of musical notes or a nice pattern.

Using double sided sticky tape place a 7 inch strip onto the inside of one cardboard strip. Then place the straws in size order and place the other strip of cardboard with double sided sticky tape over the straws.

And there you have it!!! You can blow across the pipes by placing the pipes on your lower lip or blowing directly down on them.

You can work out little tunes that you know or write your own.





## Rainsticks

### What you need:

Long tube, like the tube inside wrapping paper

Rice or lentils

Paper and rubber bands

Anything you have to decorate the rainstick

### Method:

Using a disc of paper cover the end and secure it in place with a rubber band. Then pour some rice or lentils inside the tube and cover the other end with a disc of paper securing that one in place with a rubber band. Then decorate your stick, you can draw pictures or patterns, you can stick colourful paper or fabric onto it and tie ribbons etc.

Then shake, shake shake!!!!

## Drums



### What you need:

Any containers e.g. old food tins or tubs

Balloons

Rubber bands

Anything you have to decorate your drum

### Method:

Cut the mouthpiece off the balloon and stretch the remainder part of the balloon over the top of the empty container. Secure this in place with several rubber bands. Decorate your drum and then using pencils, chopsticks or small sticks beat out your favourite rhythm.

### You could also try:

Making **shakers**, fill any small container with rice, seal securely and decorate!!

Or make a **water xylophone**, using several glasses fill them with various amounts of water. With a stick tap the side and listen to the different notes, you can change the tone by adding more water or by reducing it.

**Let your imagination go and have some fun!!!**

