

Make your own 'Kitchen Orchestra'

An orchestra is a group of people who play lots of different instruments. Using this activity sheet you can make musical instruments from things in your kitchen and start an orchestra with your family for Make Music Day.

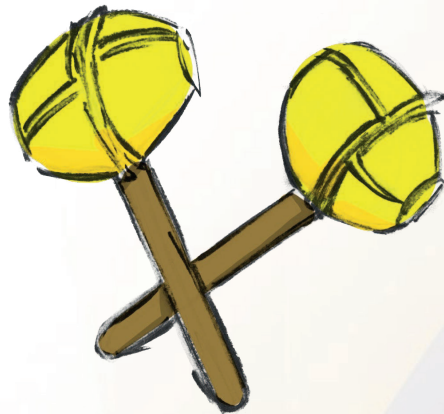
Egg Box Maracas

You will need:

- Empty cardboard egg box
- Dry rice, lentils or beans
- Scissors
- Craft sticks or lollipop sticks
- PVA glue or a glue gun
- Decorations e.g. paint, glitter, sequins or ribbons!

Instructions:

1. Cut 4 sections from an egg carton & paint in colour of choice.
2. Fill 2 of the egg carton cups with either rice, lentils or beans - or one of each!
3. Place hot glue on the rim in the place you would like the handle to be.
4. Press a craft stick or lolly stick and hold firmly down for several seconds.
5. Decorate your maracas.
6. Get shaking.



Tissue box guitar

You will need:

- Empty tissue box
- Kitchen roll tube
- Scissors
- Rubber bands
- Sticky tape
- Decorations e.g. paint, glitter, sequins or ribbons!

Instructions:

1. Place the rubber bands over the tissue box so that they cover the opening.
2. Cut 2cm slits around one end of the kitchen roll tube and fold out. Tape that to one of the short sides of the tissue box.
3. Decorate!
4. Get strumming.



Water Xylophone

You will need:

- Empty clean jars – any jars will do but baby food or jam jars work well
- Measuring jug
- Water
- Paint

Instructions:

1. Use the measuring jug to measure out different amounts of water in to each jar - try to make each jar have slightly less water than the jar before if you start high and the opposite if you start low!
2. You can use paint colours in to each water jar to make a rainbow if you want or just lots of jars in your favourite colour!
3. You can either run a wet finger around each of the jars to get different sounds or you can tap the side of the jars with a teaspoon.
4. Get playing.



Tin Can Drums/Shakers

You will need:

- A tin can per drum
- A balloon per drum (+ extra for repairs)
- Elastic bands
- Something to make a shaker sound – e.g. rice, pasta, little stones
- Scissors
- Drum sticks (try chop sticks)

Instructions:

1. Ask an adult to sand down the inside of the can first to take away the sharp edges.
2. Put the rice in one tin (lovely sound) and small pebbles in the other tin can (GREAT but NOISY sound!)
3. Cut the end of your balloon.
4. Stretch your balloon over the tin can and secure in place with an elastic band.
5. Shake or bang your drum!

