

Title: Create a Homemade Musical Instrument

Recommended for Grades K-5

Short Description: Create an instrument from materials around the house and play.

What You Need:

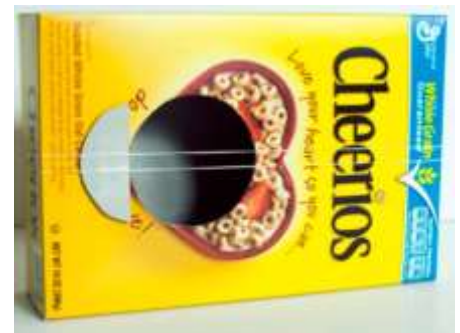
- Things to make an instrument (suggested materials: paper towel tubes, cans (careful of sharp edges!), buckets, rubber bands, old CDs, plastic containers, coins-for shaking, plastic eggs, rice, plastic or wooden spoons, bottles-to blow across the top, sticks, etc.)
- Paper
- Tape or glue (with permission from adults)
- Something to draw or color with
- (Optional: something to take a picture with and then email to classroom teacher)



CD Cymbals

DIRECTIONS:

- Can you make an instrument that has never been made before?
- Start by collecting items around the house and testing the types of sounds they make. Using recyclable items is a good idea; be sure you ask permission before using anything breakable.
- If you use those materials what kinds of instruments would they be? Are they shakers? Do you blow into them? Do you hit them to make a sound? Do you pluck them? Try different combinations.
- Put the items together and create your own crazy instrument!



Cereal Box Guitar

Your imagination is the only limit. Can you play a song?

Challenge: Put together several different instruments and make a family band!

Examples of Instruments you can make at home: This link has ideas for six instruments that can be made from things around the house.

<https://www.learningliftoff.com/make-homemade-music-with-these-6-diy-instruments/> Or you can combine the ideas to make a completely new and original instrument. Have fun and make music!



Plastic Egg and Spoon Maracas

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