

Drum & Maracas K-2

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Lesson

Did you know humans have been making music for almost as long as we have been alive? Music can be made by singing, clapping, bounding on stuff, whistling, & just making noise. Over time we have developed instruments to help us make music, like flutes, guitars & drums. Many cultures make instruments out of items you would not always think of. The instruments used to make music around the globe are quite diverse & are often made from unique materials. Some are crafted from dried gourds, bones, bamboo or from wood. There are also instruments that use repurposed items. such as the cajón from Peru. This "box drum" was originally made in secret from shipping boxes or dresser drawers when slaves were forbidden to use their African-style drums. If you add a set of thimbles to a washboard, you turn a household tool into a percussion instrument! There are also some modern ways or recreating ancient instruments. Maracas where originally made in Latin America out of dried gourds & the seeds stuck inside are what made the noise.



Questions for Students

- What kind of instruments can you name?
- What do they sound like?
- Did you know you could make music from containers in your house?
- Do you play any instruments?
- Why is music important?
- Why should we reuse stuff we have to make music with?

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Materials

- * Plastic containers that have lids, cardboard tubes or boxes
 - Plastic lids, buttons, beads, beans or rice
- * Markers or Crayons (permanent makers for use on plastic)
 - Scissors
 - Tape (packing, duct, masking)
 - Optional–stickers



Instructions



1. Gather your materials listed above. Look for containers that you think look cool or you think might make an interesting noise.
2. Experiment with different containers & putting different inserts in each one. Remember to shake & listen to how each one sounds. If you hit it like a drum, does it make a good noise? Try different amounts of items on the inside, does it make a different noise? Pick your favorite.
3. Once you have the sound you are looking for then it's time to decorate with permanent markers, colorful tape or papers, or stickers if available. Plastic items, need to be decorated with permanent markers. Think of patterns and colors you can use, or maybe you want to draw a story on your instrument.
4. Recommended to seal the lids shut, so we don't get exploding surprises later. Wrap tape around the lid of the container. If using box or tube, cover each end with tape, to keep all the noise making stuff inside.
5. Have fun making music - play along with your favorite songs!



Other Learning Resources

Books To Read

Alpacas with Maracas by Matt Cascgrove

Violets' Music by Angela Johnson

I See a Song by Eric Carle (watched book illustrated <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pPpkaldk84Y>)

Drum Dream Girl: How one Girl's Courage Changed Music by Margarita Engle

Videos About Music & Instruments

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OvrK1POQPjE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMj6S5MM0E8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKEDd9AQUns>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJRfx0o5648&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjlcGlQraek>