

**Make Your Own Musical Instrument!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

What do you need? Recycled materials around you and your imagination!

A musical instrument vibrates to make a sound and using recycled materials helps the earth.

**Step 1** – Think about what kind of instrument would you like to make.

Circle how your instrument will be played.

- Click
- Rattle
- Jingle
- Scrape
- Ring
- Drum
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2** – Draw a picture of the instrument and label each part.



**Step 3** – Think about different recycled materials you could use to make it.  
The idea is that we used materials that we already have at home.  
Take time and look around your house for ideas.

Materials:	

**Possible Materials:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• wood sticks</li><li>• strings</li><li>• elastic bands</li><li>• metal and plastic tubes</li><li>• beads, dry beans, rice</li><li>• tin foil</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cotton batting</li><li>• paper plates</li><li>• plastic bottles</li><li>• containers</li><li>• paper clips</li></ul>
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**Step 4** – Gather your materials

**Step 5** – Create your instrument

**Step 6** – Decorate your instrument

**Step 7** – Play your instrument

Describe how your instrument turned out.

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Were there any changes you had to make?

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Did it make sound? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did it make the sound you thought it would?

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Is there anything you would do differently next time?

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**Extensions:**

- Create a song with your instrument
- Play your instrument along with your favorite song
- Present your instrument to your parents or other family members
- Make another instrument

Website Ideas – If You Are Stuck

<https://feltmagnet.com/crafts/Music-Instruments-for-Kids-to-Make>

<https://takelessons.com/blog/homemade-musical-instruments-z15>

<http://www.delightfullearning.net/2009/01/tot-tools-1-musical-instruments.html>

<https://mymakedo.com/blog/how-to-make-cardboard-guitar>

<http://deceptivelyeducational.blogspot.com/2012/05/diy-palm-pipes.html>

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