

Make your own instruments

Here at Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, we believe that live music is possible anywhere, even in your own home. That is why we have put together this booklet so that you can create your own instruments at home and form a family band!



Please remember to get your parent/guardian permission and ask for help!

Tissue Box Guitar



1. You need an empty tissue box. Make sure that all the ends of the box are sealed.
2. Ensure that the hole in the top is clear of any obstructions.
3. Optional: Paint and decorate your tissue box as you wish.
4. Get 4 elastic bands and place them around the box and over the top whole.
5. Play your guitar by plucking the strings.

Tin Can Drums



1. Gather together some empty tins. For example, baked bean tins, chopped tomato tins or baby formula tins.
 2. Ensure they are clean and dry
3. Get your parents/guardians to cut off the end of a balloon and stretch it over the tin can and secure with an elastic band.
 4. If you would like, you can paint your tins!
5. Using wooden kitchen spoons or sticks or your hands you can now play your drums!
6. You could even put some dried rice or pasta in the tin and use it as a shaker!

Shakers



1. Gather together some empty and used plastic bottles.
 2. Make sure the bottles are clean and dry.
3. Fill them with a variety of items to create different sounds. For example; rice, pasta, buttons, cereal, lentils, beads etc.
 4. Seal the bottles with their lids.
 5. You now have your shaker.

Kitchen Percussion

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1. In your kitchen there are plenty of items that can be used as percussion.
2. Cooking pot lids: Get two pot lids and hit them together like cymbals.
3. Cooking pots: Tip these upside down and using a wooden kitchen spoon beat them like drums. If you gather together pots of different sizes you will be able to create a kitchen pot drum kit, with lots of different pitches.
4. Baking Rack: Using chopsticks, rub up and down the ridges.
5. Spoons: Hold two spoons, back to back in one hand and hit them against your other hand.

Cardboard Roll Horn

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1. Get an empty toilet roll or Kitchen Paper roll.
2. Cover one end with a piece of waxed paper/baking parchment and secure with a rubber band
3. Decorate your horn!
4. Poke some holes down the middle of your cardboard roll.
5. Trying humming and shouting down the open end to make your music! Move your fingers over the holes to experiment with sounds.

Paper Plate Tambourine

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1. Hold two paper plates face to face and punch holes around the perimeter of the plates about an inch and a half apart to string your yarn.
2. Take your length of yarn and weave it up through a hole, around the outside and back up the same hole again and tie a knot to secure the plates together. Then, string a jingle bell through your yarn and continue weaving your plate. Alternate your jingle bells every other hole or more, depending on how many bells you have.
3. When you get back to the hole in which you started, tie off your yarn again and let your child decorate their DIY instrument to make it their own. Then, shake to play and your kid's instrument is ready for the big show!