

# Homemade Musical Instruments

## Tin Can Drums



### **You will need:**

- ♥ Some empty, clean tin cans
- ♥ Rice/lentils
- ♥ Balloons
- ♥ Elastic bands
- ♥ Chopsticks/sticks

### **Method:**

1. Begin by putting a small handful of rice or lentils into an empty tin can. **PLEASE make sure the tin can has smooth edges** (you can buy tin openers that open tins without leaving a sharp edge).
  2. Cut the end off the balloon and simply stretch over the end of the tin.
  3. Secure the balloon with an elastic band and Bob's your uncle!
- Use chopsticks as drum sticks and off you go!

# Mini Lid Banjos



## You will need:

- ♥Jumbo craft sticks - one per banjo
- ♥Loom bands – four per banjo
- ♥Washi tape (£1 stores have these)
- ♥Duct tape
- ♥Sequins
- ♥PVA glue

## Method:



1. Place four loom bands over the lid and secure in place with a piece of duct tape as shown.



2. Next cut the end from your jumbo craft stick and decorate it with a washi tape pattern.



3. Now attach the lid with loom bands in place to the craft stick with a second piece of duct tape.

4. Finally use small dabs of craft glue to stick on your sequins, or alternatively use plastic gems or a marker to draw the little tuning knobs on the end of your banjo handle.

## **Paper Cup Damru Craft**

### **You will need:**



- Two paper cups of the same size
- White card (can use cereal box)
- Brown paint and paintbrush
- Gold washi tape
- Golden beads
- Thick coloured yarn
- Black marker
- Rhinestone embellishments
- Scissors and PVA Glue

### **Method:**

1. Use the open end of the paper cup as a stencil to draw two circles on the white craft paper. Cut them out and colour in two black circles using the marker.



2. Paint the paper cups brown. Let the cups dry completely. You may have to apply another coat of paint over it.



3. Once the cups are completely dry, stick the bottoms together with PVA glue.

4. Now stick the two  
the paper cups.



circles on either open end of



5. Thread the coloured yarn through the golden beads and knot it at the ends.  
Tie the yarn around the middle of the damru, so that the part where the cups  
are joined is not visible.



6. Decorate the damru with jewel stickers or other embellishments.



# **Bottle Top Castanets**



## **You will need:**

- Cardboard
- 2 metal bottle tops
- Strong PVA Craft Glue
- Googly eyes
- Paint

## **Method:**

### **1. Cut your cardboard**

Cut out your cardboard – twice the length you want your final castanets to be. Ours is 17cm x 3cm wide. But it is just an estimate!

### **2. Decorate your castanets**

You can now decorate your castanets. Use paints, use stickers, use washi tape...whatever you have handy and depending on the time you have. If painting, let dry!

### **3. Fold your cardboard castanet in half**

Find the middle of your castanet and fold in half.

### **4. Glue your bottle tops**

You will need good strong glue for the bottle tops (we love Anita's tacky glue) but a hot glue gun should work as well. Let try fully.

### **5. Play and make music**