

## MUSIC - Ideas for homemade musical instruments. If possible, could the children make an "instrument" for our Zoom meeting on Thursday? A plastic bottle filled with dried rice is absolutely fine, unless you are feeling more ambitious.....

This homemade shaker is quick and fun to make and satisfyingly noisy for younger kids!



### You will need:

A brightly coloured drinks bottle  
Sparkly stickers  
Dried rice, lentils, beans or pasta

### To make:

Make sure the bottle is clean and dry. Fill one-third full of rice or pasta. Screw on the lid tightly.  
Decorate the bottle with stickers. Hold the bottle by the neck and shake!



### You will need:

Paper plate  
Paint (silver or gold)  
Sequins  
Glitter glue  
Lids from plastic milk/juice bottles  
Strong glue

### To make:

Paint the back of the paper plate and leave to dry.

Decorate with glitter glue and sequins.

Fold the plate in half (with the paint to the outside) and, with strong glue, stick the milk bottle lids along the inside edge of the plate, making sure to leave a gap a couple of inches either side of the fold line.

When the glue is dry, play your castanet by holding it between your thumb and fingers and clicking together.

### 1. Elastic band guitar



### You will need

- Tissue box, or small cereal box with an oval hole cut in the front
- Poster or acrylic paint
- 2 lolly sticks
- Long cardboard tube (for example from a roll of foil or baking paper)
- Elastic bands of different sizes and thicknesses
- Coloured paper
- Buttons or decorations (optional)

1. Place the end of the cardboard tube up against the end of the tissue box and draw around it. Carefully cut out to create a hole. Paint the cardboard tube and lolly sticks and allow to dry.
2. Remove any plastic from the tissue box and then open out and lay flat. Paint the inside and allow to dry. Cut a piece of coloured paper and stick it to the base of the tissue box (this will become the inside of the guitar).
3. Glue the box back together with the painted side on the outside, and allow to dry. Insert the cardboard tube into the hole you cut at the top, then secure in place with sticky tape.
4. Glue the lolly sticks in place at either end of hole in the front of the box, as shown (pictured above). Allow to dry, then stretch the elastic bands around the whole box.