

Remake Learning Days: Finding the Sound in You

How to Make a Drum Using a Tin Can or Coffee Can

Supplies:

- Empty tin can or coffee can
- Balloon (your choice of color)
- Decorative tape, construction paper, and/or stickers (optional)

Instructions:

- 1. Clean out your tin can or coffee can. Make sure it does not have any sharp edges.
- 2. Cut your balloon right where it begins to taper.
- 3. Spread your balloon over the top of the tin can or coffee can tightly. Make sure it stretches completely across the top of the can and stays in place.
- 4. Decorate your drum using the decorative tape, construction paper, and/or stickers.

Now you are ready to beat your drum! Drums and percussion instruments play a rhythmic role in nearly every genre of music, spanning centuries and continents.

How to Make a Musical Shaker from an Oatmeal Box

Supplies:

- 1 empty box with a lid
- 1 ½ tbs rice OR dry beans OR sand
- Tape (any color)
- Glue

- Ribbons or String
- Marker
- Tissue paper, construction paper, and/or paint

Instructions:

- 1. Find an empty box with a lid (corn meal, oatmeal or grits boxes are best)
- 2. Add something to the box that you think will make a cool sound, like rice, dry beans, or sand
- 3. Put the lid on the box and seal it with tape (any color you choose)
- 4. Decorate your box by first laying tissue paper on the table, placing the box on the tissue paper, adding dabs of glue along the side of the box, and then rolling the box around the tissue. You can use more glue if needed.
- 5. Decorate your box using any other supplies you would like, and let it dry completely.

Now you are ready to shake! Musical shakers, drums, or boxes from Africa are fun and serve many purposes, such as sending messages, storytelling, and therapy for the soul!





