

ABOUT THE ARTWORK



Sudjana Kerton. *Gamelan Orchestra*. 1960. Oil on canvas, 89 x 127.5 cm. Collection of National Gallery Singapore.

Gamelan Orchestra

by Sudjana Kerton

Sudjana Kerton used shapes and patterns to create this work depicting his memories of the gamelan, a traditional musical ensemble that often plays during dance performances and celebrations. If this work were to come to life, what kind of melody might you hear?

MATERIALS

You will need these items for the activity:

1. Printout of *Bonang Template*
2. Scissors & Glue
3. Colouring materials like markers, colour pencils or crayons.

TIPS: Find recycled materials and items around the house to make your own instruments!

Adult supervision is recommended for this activity as it involves the use of sharp objects like scissors.

Image from Tropenmuseum, part of the National Museum of World Cultures



CREATE

Make Your Own Bonang

A musical instrument used in the gamelan, a *bonang* is a collection of small gongs in a wooden frame.

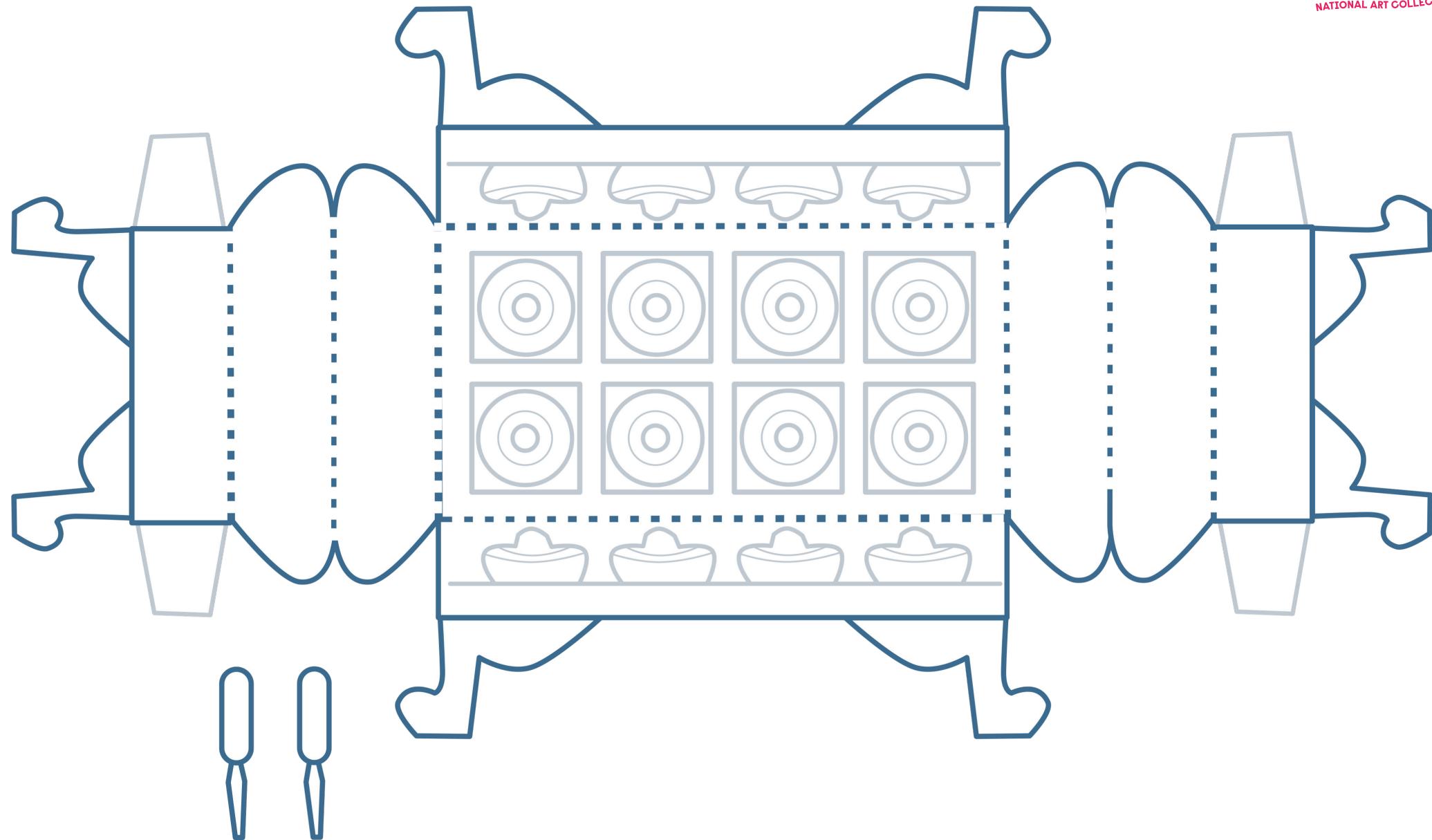
1. Cut along the bold lines in *Bonang Template (A)**.
2. Think about the melody that your instrument will make. Is it slow or fast?
3. With your colouring materials, add shapes, lines and patterns to represent the sounds your instrument will make. Repeat them to create a pattern!
4. Fold the tabs. With glue, use these tabs to help your *Bonang* stand!

*Younger children can use *Bonang Template (B)*, following the dotted lines to cut out the instrument.

EXPLORE

What kind of instruments can you make with items that you can find around the house? Create music with your instruments.

BONANG TEMPLATE (A)



BONANG TEMPLATE (B)

