

5 Step Music Activities

CREATE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Making instruments with recycled materials is a sustainable way of finding out how sounds are created.



01

Balloon drums:

- Cut a deflated balloon into a semi-circle
- Rinse with water
- Stretch it over the top of a saucepan or tin
- Secure with an elastic band

02



Pringles shakers:

- Cover the outside of an empty Pringles tube with paper
- Customise your tube
- Add dried rice or beans the tube
- Experiment with volume. What sounds can you make?

Toilet roll kazoo

Cardboard toilet roll, rubber band, wax coated paper, hole punch.

- Decorate the toilet tube
- Punch a hole approx 1 cm from the end of the cardboard
- Secure wax paper over end with. the rubber band (not glue)

03



04

Lid mini-guitar

- Stretch 4 elastic bands around a jam jar lid
- Try to vary thickness for different sounds
- Secure the bands with masking tape
- Add a lollipop stick for the neck



05

Bottle top castanets

- Flatten four bottle tops
- Cut some card into a duck beak shape
- Dab glue on the edge of the bottle tops
- Place on the inside of the cardboard

