

Musical Instruments From Household Items

Kazoos

Decorate a toilet roll tube with markers or stickers. Attach a cellophane square to one end of the tube. Show the children how to hum a tune into the other end.

Maracas

These can be made from toilet tubes or little black film canisters. Fill with rice, beans, or uncooked popcorn.

For toilet tubes: Staple both ends shut, or cover ends with cellophane and tape well. Add streamers if desired.

For film canisters: Put a little glue around the edge of the lid. Cut a small slit and add a Popsicle stick if desired. Decorate with stickers.

Drums

Remove both ends from a coffee can. Wrap the can in construction paper and decorate with collage items. Cover sharp edges with colored masking tape. Loop yarn or string through the can to go around a child's neck. Place a plastic lid on each end. Have each child beat their drums with their hands, or make a little mallet by covering pencils with masking tape on one end.

Guitars

Decorate Styrofoam food trays with markers and/or stickers. (If using meat trays be sure to clean with bleach first.) Stretch about 5 rubber bands of different sizes around the tray. Point out the different pitches of the sound.