

DIY Hand Drum

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

This activity involves both crafts and music. We will be making an instrument that can be used in the future for learning music, or just playing. It can feel very accomplishing to make something with your hands that can be used in the future as a tool. This craft is excellent for working on dexterity and hand eye coordination, however some of the instructions can be complex and support should be provided.

TIME

30-40 minutes

MATERIALS

- Empty Pringles can
- Cardboard
- Balloon
- Duct tape
- Yarn or ribbon
- wooden/plastic beads (\$6)
- Wooden dowel or chopstick
- Glue gun (\$10)
- Scissors (\$5)
- Markers (\$7)



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INSTRUCTIONS

Trim the Container

Cut off the top ~1–1.5 inches of a Pringles can (or similar container).

Attach the Dowel Handle

- Drill or poke a hole through the bottom center of the can. Insert a wooden dowel and secure it with glue

Create Drum Surface

Cut off the top part of a balloon and stretch it over the open top of the trimmed can. Secure edges with duct tape if needed for a tight fit.

Add Beaded Ribbons

- Poke small holes on opposite sides of the can
- Push a ribbon through each of the holes, and knot securely inside and out.
- Tie a bead to each ribbon end so they hang and can strike the drum surface.
- It should look something like this:



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Seal the Drum

- Close the open top of the drum with another balloon layer and tape it down firmly.

Decorate (Optional)

- Wrap decorative tape around the can to personalize your drum.
- Add colourful designs, sparkles, googly eyes, etc to your heart's content!

Play!

- Swing or twist the dowel so the beads strike the drum's surface—produce fun musical rhythms!

RESOURCES

<https://www.momsandcrafters.com/make-hand-drum/>

SUPPORTS NEEDED

support may be needed for individuals with the instructions as well as using the scissors and the hot glue gun.

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

This craft can be difficult and confusing, if confused, reference the link provided. This craft is meant for individuals who are more independent and can understand more complex instructions.