

Make Your Own Musical Instruments

If you're ever going to play at the **Royal Dulton Music Hall**, you're going to need to practice, but first, you'll need an instrument. Did you know that you can make your own instrument from things already in your house? Here are just a few ideas, but be creative and you might surprise even yourself.



Drum

Take a bucket, pot or box to use as a drum. Turn it upside down so that the open end is on the floor. Use pencils or wooden spoons as drumsticks. They're waiting for your big drum roll!



What you'll need: Old toilet paper or paper towel roll, wax paper, rubber band, sharp pencil, art supplies for decoration

Take your cardboard tube and put wax paper on one end of it, securing it with a rubber band. Use a sharp pencil to poke a hole in the side of the cardboard tube. Put the open end up to your mouth and hum to make a kazoo sound. Use your art supplies to decorate to your liking, and now you've got a lavishing, praisable kazoo!



Glass Harp

There's quite another world upon your shelf and with a few glasses of water, you're on the brink of a musical adventure.

What you'll need: 8 water glasses, 1 plastic spoon, 1 set of measuring cups Place the glasses in a line and fill them up with different amounts of water. Start with 1/8 cup of water in the first one, then put 1/8 cup of water more than the next glass. Use a plastic spoon (not a wooden or metal one) to avoid breaking or chipping the glasses. Tap the glasses with the plastic spoon and notice how each glass makes a different note!



Rubber-Band Guitar

There are lots of cats tuning strings, and you can join them with these simple household things.

What you'll need: empty tissue box, empty paper towel roll, 4 rubber bands, 2 popsicle sticks

Remove the clear plastic from inside the hole in the tissue box. Attach the paper towel roll to the tissue box using tape or glue. Decorate your guitar however you like to make it dilly dynamical. You can paint it or cover it with paper. Now glue down popsicle sticks above and below the hole to make the "bridge". Once the glue is dry, wrap four large rubber bands around the box lengthwise. Use thick and thin rubber bands for different sounds. Now you're ready for your standing ovation!

