

How to Create Your Own Musical Instruments at Home



Want to release your inner musician and rock out?

Good news – you can create musical instruments from items that you might already have in your own home. You can even make enough instruments so that you and your friends and family can play music together with all kinds of sounds.

Here are three different examples of musical instruments that you can make yourself—rock on!

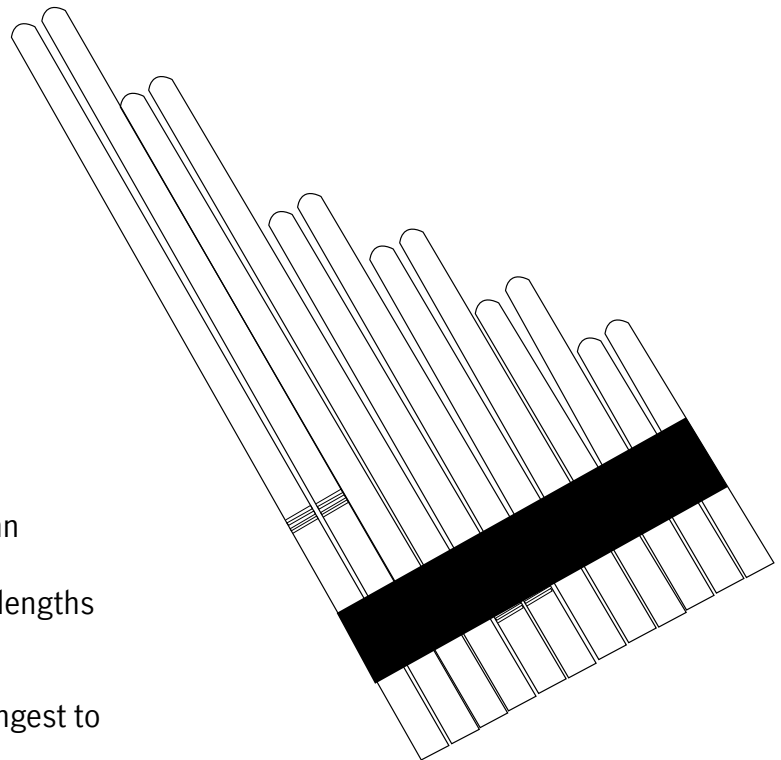
1. Harmonica

What you'll need:

- About 8 straws
- Sticky tape
- A pair of scissors

What to do:

1. Leave 2 straws at the regular length, cut the next two straws about an inch shorter, then the next two straws an inch shorter than that, and the last two straws about an inch shorter than that so that you have different lengths of the straws
2. Arrange the straws on a flat surface from longest to shortest
3. Now tape the straws together, first on the front side and then on the back side near the bottom
4. Now pick up the taped straws and blow into them and hear the sounds that come out



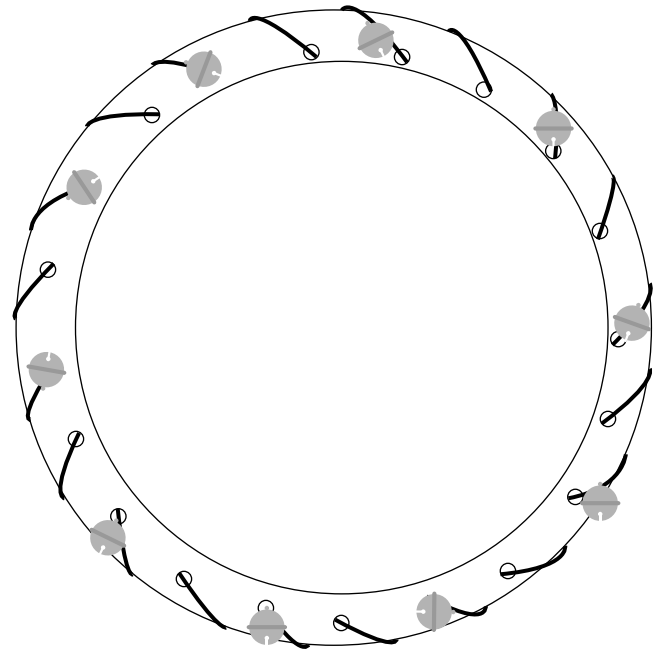
2. Tambourine

What you'll need:

- Two heavy duty paper plates
- A hole punch
- String or yarn
- Jingle bells
- Markers or crayons

What to do:

1. Hold two paper plates face to face and punch holes around the outside edge about an inch and a half apart to place the string or yarn through
2. Start your yarn off weaving it through a hole and tie a knot
3. String a jingle bell through your yarn and continue weaving your yarn through the holes in the plates and place a jingle bell at every other hole
4. When you come back around to the beginning, tie another knot and it's done
5. Now bang away on your tambourine!



3. Paper Plate Banjo

What you'll need:

- Two heavyweight paper plates
- Paint or stickers
- Paint stick
- Rubber bands

What to do:

1. Stack two heavy weight paper plates and staple them together
2. Then you can paint or color them with your favorite colors and even decorate them with stickers
3. Attach a paint stick to the back of the stacked plates and glue beads to the end of the sticks
4. Add rubber bands around the stacked plates to make the strings
5. Now you're ready to play in a band

