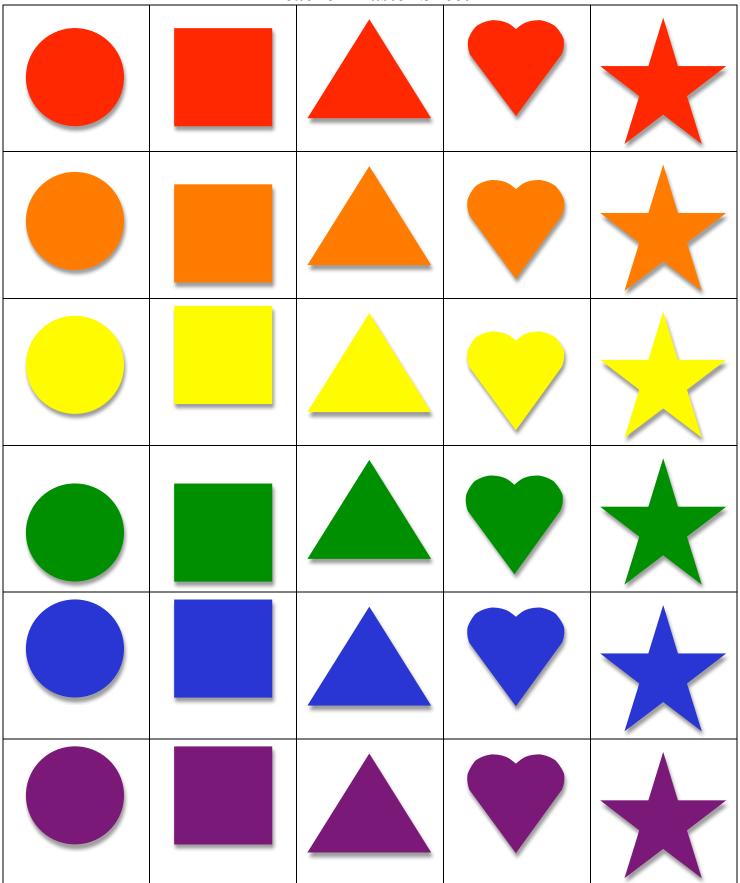


Teacher Master Sheet





Here are some ideas for instruments that can be simply made using readily available materials. You can create them ahead of time, or have students create them in class with some assistance. If students make their own, you can provide decorative materials for them to personalize their instruments!

Maracas

Materials:

Plastic yogurt cups with lids, plastic sour cream containers with lids, or plastic two-piece eggs Small stones, beans, rice, or barley

How to Make?

Simply pour a tablespoon or more of stones, beans, rice or barley into the plastic container and seal with the lid. Shake your maracas!

Tambourines

Variation #1

Materials:

Two thick paper plates Small stones, beans, rice, or barley Stapler* or glue

How to Make?

Place a tablespoon or more of stones, beans, rice or barley onto one paper plate facing up. Top with the other plate, facing down and glue or staple into place. Once dry, you are ready to shake your tambourine!

Variation #2

Materials:

Two thick paper plates Stapler* or glue Hole punch String Jingle Bells



How to Make?

Staple or glue the two paper plates together, with the tops facing each other. Punch holes around the edge of the plates (this usually requires adult assistance), and tie bells to the plates with the string. Once dry, tap your tambourine against your leg!

Rhythm Sticks

Materials:

Two wooden dowel rods or two extra pieces of PVC pipe with the edges sanded

How to Make?

^{*}If using staples, tape should be placed over the staples to make a safer surface for small hands

Once you have your two sticks, you are ready to make music! Simply tap the sticks together in different rhythms to set the beat for your musical symphony.

Clunky Clangers

Materials:

Tongue Depressors String Plastic bottle caps

Tape

Nail & Hammer (for adult use only)

How to Make?

This requires some adult preparation:

Take a nail of decent size and hammer small holes through the center of plastic bottle caps *Student Assembly:*

String the bottle caps through the hole, leaving enough string to tie and tape onto the tongue depressor handle. Shake and jiggle your clunky clanger to make some noise!

Horns/Kazoos

Materials:

Toilet paper or paper towel rolls Waxed paper squares Rubberbands

How to Make?

Cover one end of the roll with the piece of waxed paper, and hold in place with a rubberband. Blow into the end without the waxed paper for a fun sound.

Comb Harmonica

Materials:

Pocket comb Waxed paper

How to Make?

Fold a piece of waxed paper over the tines of the comb. Blow lightly or hum through the covered comb.

Drums

Materials:

Empty coffee cans with plastic lids, plastic ice-cream tubs, or oatmeal boxes Unsharpened pencils with erasers (optional)

How to Make?

Decorate and bang to your hearts content with bare hands or unsharpened pencils.

Bottle Horn

Materials:

Plastic bottle with a narrow mouth, cleaned and sterilized after use

How to Make?

Blow across the top of the mouth of the bottle to create a tone.

Sand Blocks

Materials:

Pieces of 1"x4" wood (at least 2 of them) cut into blocks 2-4" long – sanded so that there are no rough or sharp areas Pieces of felt cut to fit the largest surface of the blocks Sandpaper cut the same size as the felt pieces Glue (Elmers or other plain white glue will work)

How to Make?

Glue the felt to the block. Then, glue the sandpaper, sandy side up, to the felt. Allow to dry. Rub the sandpaper of one block against the sand paper on another surface for a great sound!

For advanced students (due to use of glass containers):

Xylophone

Materials:

Glass cups, bottles, or jars Water Pencil Food Coloring (optional)



How to Make?

Fill bottles, jars or cups with varying amounts of water and set up in a row. It works very well it each xylophone is made up of the same kinds of cups, jars, or bottles. Explain to students that they will need to tap the glasses gently to produce a nice bell sound.

Optional: Color the water in each container a different shade based on the pitch of the sound it gives off.

Adult assembly recommended:

Simple Guitar Box

Materials:

Shoebox, or other small box Rubberbands

How to Make?

Stretch rubberbands of varying thicknesses over the shoebox. Pluck the rubberbands to strum your guitar!