

Woodland Orchestra



Create your own sound of the forest with these musical instruments using natural materials



We can all make noise and with a bit of luck music! With these three instruments you can start building your own orchestra, while at the same time as enjoying the wonders of the woodland while you collect

What you'll need

Jingle-sticks

- Find a 'Y' shaped stick
- Collected leaves
- Wooden buttons & beads
- Wool or twine

Maracas

- Seed casings, acorns, small twigs, pebbles, wooden beads.
- Cups
- Tape & glue
- Leaves and other

Rattle Drum

- A strong stick
- 2 young conkers
- Cardboard
- Wool or twine
- Glue/tape & scissors
- Drill (adults only)

What to do/instructions:

Jingle-sticks

1. Find a sturdy stick that is in the shape of the capital letter 'Y'. No longer than the length of your hand to your elbow.
2. Tie the wool/twine around the top of one of the 'Y' arms, making sure it is in a tight and strong knot.
3. Thread the wool through the button holes and the beads.
4. Using the sharpened pencil make holes in the middle of the leaves and thread them through as well.
5. Tie to the loose end of the wool to the second 'Y' arm.
6. Now shake and dance to the sound!



Maracas

1. Place the seed casings, acorns, small twigs and pebbles into one of the cups. The more you add the louder the noise.
2. Place the second cup upside down over the top of the first cup, then tape them together.
3. Decorate the cups by gluing or taping all the leaves and natural items to the outside of the cups.
4. Start to shake and make those sounds into music.



Rattle Drum

1. Adults only. Drill a small hole through the centre of the conker. Young conkers are easier to drill.
2. Cut a piece of wool/twine about 15cm long and thread through one of the conkers. Tie in big knot in the end so the conker can't slide off the wool.
3. Repeat step 2 with the second conker.
4. Adult supervision. Using scissors cut out two circles of cardboard about 10cm across.
5. Place one circle flat on a table and tape the unknotted end of one piece of wool and conker at the 3 o'clock position.
6. Tape the second piece of wool with conker to the 9 o'clock position. Make sure that there are equal lengths of string on each side.
7. Tape the top of the strong stick to the middle of the circle so that it points out at the 6 o'clock position.
8. Place the second circle over the top of the first and tape into place.
9. Decorate the card with leaves, or colour in with paints/pens.
10. Roll the stick between your palms and MAKE SOME NOISE.



Bonus Game: Test your rhythm

Think of your favourite song. Now try shaking and rattling your instruments to the beat and rhythm of that song so that people can guess what it is.

We would love to see your creations! Share your photos with us on Instagram or twitter /cityoftreesmcr



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