

It's Rhyme time



The following provides a link to a BBC singing website for the Early Years KS1 and KS2 . Have a listen to some of the songs and have a go – you know what we say, EVERYONE can sing and you can't beat a good sing song to keep spirits up!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/music-songs-ks1--ks2-page/znrj8xs>



Keep listening to music. All types count!

You could make your own instruments to play alongside the songs or get your grown-ups saucepans and use their wooden spoons to play along.

Guitar



To make a homemade guitar, simply stretch several large elastic bands around a cardboard box.

We chose a box with an open top, but a tissue box with a hole in the center, works well, too.

Choose elastic bands that vary in width to ensure that all of your "guitar strings" will produce different tones and sounds when they're plucked by little fingers.

Drums



For our drums, we used a plastic container with a lid.

Using a hole punch, I made four holes in the container: one on each side of the container itself (just below where the lid sits) and one on each side of the lid.

With the lid off, but positioned close to the top of the container, simply thread a long length of wide ribbon (we used first aid gauze) through the holes.

Snap the lid in place, and knot the ends of your ribbon. Add a couple of chopstick drumsticks or sticks for a boomin' good time.

Maracas



These "maraca" shakers were very easy to make.

I found a few containers that were small enough for little hands to grasp. We added some pony beads and dried rice, which we had previously coloured for another activity. Buttons and dried lentils or pasta would all be fine alternatives.

Make sure that your lids fit snugly. If you think your little one is still curious enough to pry the lid off the container, consider taping it shut.

Cymbals



Loop a strip of fabric through the hole of an old CD and tie it off at a point where the fabric strap will slide snugly around three or four fingers of your child's hand.

While your CDs don't make the resounding crash that real cymbals do, they certainly produce a fun and satisfying "clack."

Trumpet Or Flute



Cover a paper towel roll with aluminum foil, folding and crimping the edges into each end of the tube.

Have your child decorate the tube with coloured tissue paper and adhesive foam craft pieces.