

Music Camp At Home

Ages 2-7

At Home With SICM is now celebrating our summer camps! This week we were inspired by our "Honk" Music camp. We hope your family enjoys doing these outdoor activities together!

Make

Make a Guiro

A Guiro is an instrument from Latin America made out of natural objects such as hollow gourds with carved notches. Running a long stick along the notches creates its sound.

Materials:

Recycled empty water bottle with ridges
Paint/markers/stickers
Dried beans or rice/glitter/sand
Tape
Ribbon/yarn
Chopsticks/whisk/hair comb/stick

Objective:

Decorate your empty water bottle.

Next fill your bottle with something that rattles like dried beans or pebbles (you can experiment with different objects!). You can also add glitter or sand to give it a fun exciting look.

Tape the cap on your bottle to make sure the inside objects are secure.

Run a stick or hair pick across the ridges of your bottle and create a song! An example of guiro in modern times is David Bowie- The Man Who Sold the World. Try listening for the rubbing of notches from the guiro and play along!

Play

Super Easy Pan Flute

The pan flute originated from the ancient Inca and Maya civilizations and spread throughout the Americas. It has five or more pipes of gradually increasing length and is considered the first mouth organ.

Materials:

8 large straws
Scissors
Tape

Objective:

Arrange straws in a line and cut them at varying lengths, with the longest straws on the left down to the shortest straws on the right and tape together. Hold the flute under your chin and blow into it. Notice the different sounds that each straw makes. Are the longer straws louder?

Explore More

Sesame Street Sings
"Color of Me"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sqN2J9_axY

Create

Homemade Kazoos

The kazoo was first produced in the USA around 1852 by a black man, Alabama Vest, and a German clockmaker, Thaddeus Von Klegg. It was played often in popular music in the late 1800's through the early 1900's. Contrary to belief, you don't blow into a kazoo, you HUM into the big end of it.

Materials: Cardboard tube

(old toilet paper roll or paper towel roll)

Wax paper

Rubberband

Sharp pencil (or other sharp object) to poke holes

Process: Cover the end of your cardboard tube with wax paper. Secure it with a rubberband.

Poke a hole in the side of the tube using the sharp pencil or other sharp object.

3. Put the open end of the tube up to your mouth and hum or say "do" over and over and to make the kazoo sound. This takes a little practice!

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