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Clips Synopsis

Musical Instruments

For this video, I demonstrated how to create three instruments out of recycled materials or things that can be found around the house! This project showed students that you can make instruments out of unconventional things. It allowed them to get creative! This would be a perfect activities to show your students what you can make from recycled materials. It would also be helpful to have them make these instruments if you didn't have access to regular instruments!

For the tambourine you'll need two paper plates, a stapler (with staples), and dry rice or beans (or both!). Place the beans/rice on one of the paper plates. Put enough of the dry mixture to cover the bottom of the plate. Place the second plate on top of the first. Then use the stapler to secure the plates together. Make sure you staple plenty of places around the plates to ensure the dry ingredients don't fall out. Decorate your tambourine and enjoy!

For the drum you'll need a tin can, rubber bands, a balloon, scissors, and decorative tape or ribbon with glue (decorations optional). Cut the balloon at about the halfway mark. Place the top part of the cut balloon on the mouth of the tin can. Secure the balloon with rubber bands. Add ribbon or decorative tape around the rubber bands if you want desire! Decorate your drum and enjoy! Can be played by hands or pencils (as drumsticks).

For the maracas you'll need 4 plastic spoons, two Easter eggs, tape, and dry rice/beans. Fill each of the Easter eggs with the dry mixture. Make sure you fill one side of the egg about halfway.

Close the Easter eggs then place them on the spoons. Place the other spoon opposite on the other side of the egg. Secure with tape. Decorate your maracas and enjoy!

For the straw instrument you'll need 12 plastic straws, tape, and scissors. Split the straws into pairs of twos. Cut each pair a different length. Line the straws up. Make sure the tops are even. Secure the straws together with tape. Decorate and enjoy!