



Carton Crafts



Percussion Set

Before you begin, clean out your cartons thoroughly with a mild soap and lukewarm water. Do not scrub the cartons.

IMPORTANT: You MUST let the cartons completely dry for 24 hours. If you begin crafts before the carton is dry, the carton can rip and/or fall apart since the glue is weakened.

It requires two cartons to assemble the percussion set.

Your percussion set is your own creation. You can make it any color you want and decorate it any way you like. Use your imagination and have fun!

Tambourine



Set aside two lids. Add “noisemakers” to one of the lids. In this example, we use dry beans and macaroni. Do not fill the lid. Just add enough to make some noise. Put the other lid on top and secure with tape.



Next, cut a strip of construction paper and using clear tape and a little glue, wrap the paper around the lids. Cut a circle that is sized to fit on the face of the lid (if you have a compass, that will work best). With the instructions, we've included stars that you can cut out and use if you wish. If not, feel free to make your own design! Glue it to the face of the lid and repeat for the other side.



Using pipe cleaners, ribbon or string (or a combination of these), wrap a line around the edge of the tambourine. Once it's tightly secured, get a second pipe cleaner and attach decorations and/or noisemakers to it. In this example, we found bells at a hobby shop and threaded the bells onto the pipe cleaner. Once you've finished attaching your items to the second pipe cleaner, attach it to the first one you wrapped around your tambourine.



For finishing touches, you can add ribbons, sequins or whatever your heart desires.

As a last step, place a large bead of glue on the band around your tambourine and let it sink in and dry (this will ensure the band will stay secure to the wall). Repeat on the opposite side. The more beads of glue, the more secure it will be.

Drums



Now, you have two empty cartons without lids. Cut the top rim of the cartons off and turn upside down. These will be the drums. You can cut one carton to be a little shorter than the other so that each drum will have a slightly different sound.

With tape, cover your carton with construction paper. When this is done, choose some construction paper of a different color. This will end up being the top of your drum.

NOTE: You can use the carton as a guide to make a circle, but when you cut it, make sure the circle is about 1/4" larger than the carton.



You will be “crimping” the excess down on the carton (see photos). Attach the circle you cut out to the bottom of the carton (NOT the side that is open) and begin crimping and taping the circle to the carton. We recommend that you use a LOT of very small pieces of tape. Keep repeating your crimping and taping and take your time. Next, attach two pages of construction paper together. Make sure the paper is the same color as your circle. Cut a “wave” shape. It can be small waves or big waves. Once you cut it out, use it to trace the exact same shape again on the remaining piece of paper. Remember, you have two drums when you’re done, not one.

Now take the wave shape, spread glue on it thinly and evenly throughout, turn it upside down and attach it to the top edge of your drum.



Now you're ready to decorate! You can cut out the stars we've included with the instructions and glue them to the drum, or go with your own designs. In this example, we made string stripes going down the drum by poking a pilot hole towards the top half of the drum and running the string to the bottom, over the edge and inside. We secured it by using duct tape and a little glue. When you're done decorating, repeat all the steps for your other drum.

If you want to attach the drums to each other, make two holes towards the top and towards the bottom of each carton.

NOTE: Before you poke the holes, make sure they are aligned with each other. Also, it's a good idea to first put duct tape on the inside of both drums where the holes will be made. This helps reinforce the cardboard and prevent it from ripping.

Thread a string through the holes and tie the string in a tight knot. Cover the string with duct tape.

You're done! Time to start rockin'!

MATERIALS:

Construction Material

2 Cartons

Construction Paper

Scissors

Pencil

Ruler

Glue

Duct Tape

Scotch Tape

Dry Macaroni

Dry Beans

String (or Yarn)

Suggested Decoration Materials

Ribbons

Colored String

Bells

Sequins

Fake Costume Jewels (Optional)

Pipe Cleaners (Gold Preferred)

