

## Can you make your own African instrument for our day?

- Bongo drums

Have a look around the house for old coffee pots/pringle pots - something that you can bang a pen/pencil with as your very own Bongo Drums. You can also decorate these with African patterns to make them your own.



- Straw Whistle

Gather about 10-15 clean, unused straws. Tape them all together neatly so they are nice and straight. Now, use scissors (don't let your child do this part) to cut the straws at an angle on one end. To play, blow carefully through the straight end of the straws. You should be able to make different notes with each straw because of the angled cut at the bottom

- Easy Shakers

You'll need:



1. 2 Yoghurt pots (the same sort)
2. Making tape
3. Rice or lentils or dried beans
4. Stickers to decorate (optional)
5. Pens to decorate (optional)

Then,

1. Put some dry rice or lentils etc into one yoghurt pot.
2. Place the second pot on top and tape round the middle. You may need to put a few rounds of tape to ensure it doesn't come apart.
3. Decorate with pens and/or stickers.

These shakers are so easy to make, children enjoy it and they can get creative at the same time.

There are lots of ways to make shakers. An even simpler way, would be to put rice in a small pot with a lid on and there you have a noisy shaker!

Next, get dancing to music and shaking.

