



Summer Fun 2013 - Week 3

This week NPC have teamed up with **Music Generation*** to show you how easy it is to bring music into your children's lives.

The activity is making your own musical instruments.

There are lots of potential music making materials all around the house. Music Generation has some ideas to get you creating your own instruments.

Castanets

Fold two 15cm strips of cardboard in half. Glue a bottle cap to each end on the inside. To use, hold the cardboard strips, one in each hand and open and close to make a clicking noise.

Xylophone

Arrange several glass jars on a flat surface. Pour water into the jars in varying amounts. Add a few drops of food colouring to the water, using a different colour for each jar. Using sticks, experiment with the different sounds each jar makes.

Comb Harmonica

Wrap thin paper around the teeth of a clean comb. Place the comb against the lips and hum to play.

Guitar

Remove the cover from an empty shoe box. Stretch rubber bands around the box. Attach a ruler or stick to the back of the box on one end to act as the arm of the guitar. Play by strumming or plucking the rubber bands.

Tambourine

Paint two paper plates - eating side down. Once they're dry glue your plates together. When they are securely in place, punch holes around the edge of your paper plate. With string or ribbon, tie on some bells. Now you're ready to make some music!

Now you have your instruments you can create your own band! You could even organise a concert for your friends and family and make a poster for your show.

Please send in photos and drawings of your band, instruments or the poster you made so we can put them up on our website

Have fun!!!

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