

Making Music - Handout

Make a Bottle Flute (Woodwind):

- Select a bottle and blow across the top, making a 'hoot' sound.

What happens if you. . .

- Add water to the bottles.
- Choose another size bottle.

Make a Garden Hose Trumpet (Brass):

- Take a length of garden hose and insert the small funnel into one end, taping it into place.
- Insert the hose connector into the other end of the hose, placing the smallest end of the connector in. Tape into place.
- Coil the hose so that you can hold both ends as you play.
- Put your lips into the mouthpiece end and 'buzz' them together.

What happens if you. . .

- Make a second garden hose instrument with a shorter or longer length of hose.
- Change the funnel size at the end of the hose.

Make a Box Guitar (String):

- Open the matchbox.
- Place rubber bands lengthwise over the matchbox for the strings of the guitar.
- Place a pencil under the strings.
- Raise the pencil up and down to adjust the way the strings sound.

What happens if you. . .

- Change the tightness of the rubber bands.
- Change the size of the rubber bands.
- Change the length of the rubber bands.

Make an Oatmeal Drum (Percussion):

- Stretch the plastic tightly over the opening of the cardboard drum, securing it with a rubber band.
- Play the drum with pencils or sticks.

What happens if you. . .

- Use a balloon, tablecloth, or lid instead of plastic?

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