



NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE
CENTRE NATIONAL DES ARTS

Drum Making Ideas

If your school does not have a collection of hand drums, there are simple ways to make effective drums. Large empty water bottles turned upside down make a deep sound, as do various sizes of cardboard boxes. Large tins with both ends cut off (check at the local pizzeria), or 30 cm lengths of cardboard sona tube with one end covered with overlapping layers of packing tape make a medium-deep sound. Large yogurt or margarine containers turned upside down create a higher sound. Any kind of drum will work. Check for hand drums, African djembes, timpani, bongos, congas in your community. If you have a Native community nearby, they might be able to provide a drumming demonstration, and possibly lend drums for the lesson.