

Balloon Bongo, Rice Shaker and Güiro!

Dan the Music Man will be performing a virtual show for your family community very soon!

We want you to get involved in the show! Enjoy making this fun and easy musical craft project with your family. When you have made your instrument(s), experiment and practise making sounds. You are now ready to play your percussion instrument with Dan during the Dan the Music Man show! Also check out the homemade bubble mix and bubble wands activity to make to make bubbles during the show. Have fun! See you soon!

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HOW TO MAKE

You will need:

- ♥ Some empty, clean tin cans
- ♥ Rice/lentils
- ♥ Balloon (substitute 1/4 sheet paper in very young or unsupervised children)
- ♥ Elastic bands
- ♥ small drum sticks / chopsticks / popsicle sticks

1. Begin by putting a small handful of rice or lentils into an empty tin can. **PLEASE make sure the tin can has smooth edges** (most can openers will open tins without leaving a sharp edge).

2. Cut the end off of the balloon and simply stretch over the end of the tin. 1/4 sheet of paper works too!

3. Secure the balloon/paper with an elastic band and make music!

HOW TO PLAY

A couple of chopsticks or similar will allow your child to tap the top like a drum, the bottom like a steel drum and play the edge of the tin can like a güiro by scratching along the ridges and tapping! Shake the can for a shaker musical instrument! Tap the top with fingers for a bongo sound! Experiment with sound by touching the balloon top while playing to dampen the reverb. Let go of the top for a sound with echo! Enjoy your new 3-in-1 percussion instrument!

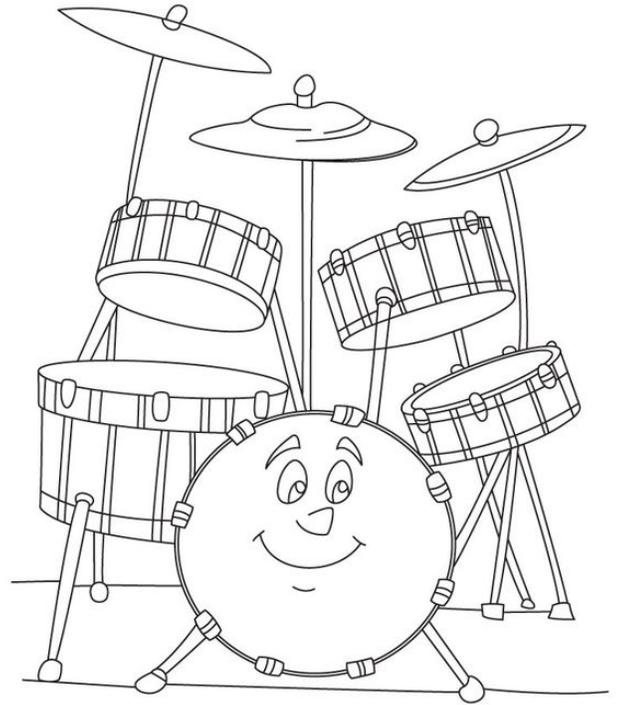
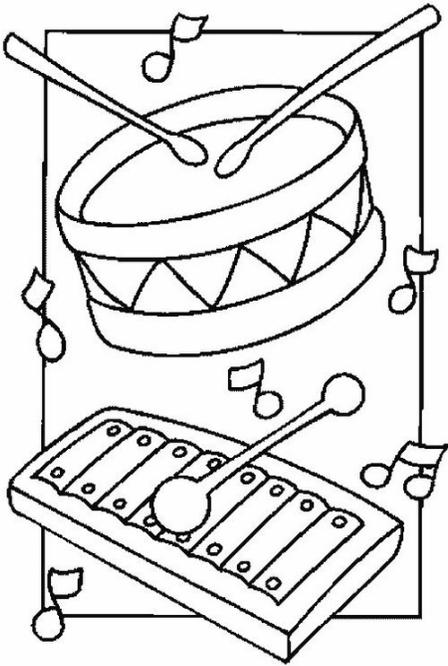
Please supervise your child as balloons, rubber bands and small toys can be choking hazards for babies and young children.

Benefits of Learning a Musical Instrument

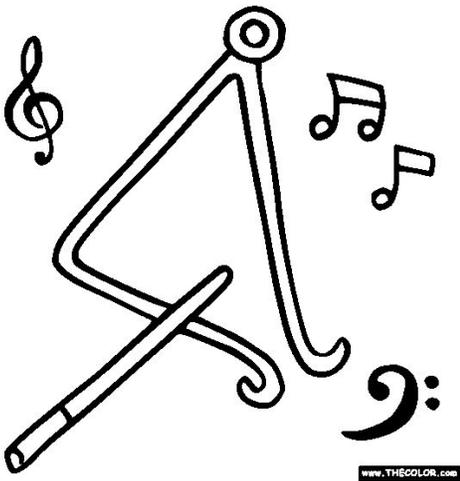
Playing music helps children be smarter and happier. Playing a musical instrument benefits children at almost every level by enhancing cognitive skills while fostering creative thinking and the ability to focus. And how do you begin? By helping them make some music of their own!

Let's colour and name these percussion instruments while imitating their musical sounds!

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