

6 Natural Music Projects

Build simple handmade instruments and sound tools from useful natural materials.

1 Reed Pan Flute



Bind hollow reeds of different lengths into a simple instrument.

Found Materials:
hollow reeds or cane, cordage.

Use:
for simple melodies and music practice.

2 Gourd Seed Shaker



Dry a gourd and fill it with seeds or pebbles.

Found Materials:
dried gourd, seeds or pebbles, stick handle, cordage.

Use:
for rhythm and music time.

3 Willow Hoop Frame Drum



Bend fresh willow into a hoop and lace on a drum face.

Found Materials:
fresh willow wand, hide or tough bark sheet, cordage.

Use:
for rhythm, singing, and music lessons.

4 Hardwood Rhythm Sticks



Smooth two matching hardwood sticks.

Found Materials:
straight hardwood sticks, sandstone for smoothing.

Use:
for keeping time and teaching rhythm.

5 Birch Bark Signal Horn



Roll bark into a cone horn and stitch it together.

Found Materials:
birch bark, root ties or plant fiber.

Use:
for signals, play, and sound experiments.

6 Seed Pod Jingle Anklet



String dry seed pods or shells onto a band.

Found Materials:
dry seed pods, shells, cordage, woven band.

Use:
for dance rhythm and movement music.