

6 Natural Music & Rhythm Projects

Child-friendly handmade instruments and sound tools built from outdoor natural materials.



1 Walnut-Shell Castanets

Two walnut shell halves tied to a finger loop for clicking rhythms.

Found Materials:
Walnut shells, cord or leather strip.

Use:
For rhythm practice and music play.



2 Cane Rain Rattle

A short hollow cane or reed tube filled with seeds or tiny pebbles.

Found Materials:
Hollow cane or reed, dry seeds, pebbles, leaf plugs.

Use:
For soft shaking sounds.



3 Hollow-Log Drum Block

A short hollow wood section used as a simple drum or tapping block.

Found Materials:
Hollow log or thick branch section, smooth tapping sticks.

Use:
For beat keeping and music games.



4 Reed Whistle

A simple cut reed whistle made from a sturdy hollow reed.

Found Materials:
Hollow reed, small knife with adult help.

Use:
For exploring pitch and simple tunes.



5 Branch Chime Rack

A hanging rack with different twigs, seed pods, or shells that make sounds when tapped.

Found Materials:
Branch crossbar, twigs, shells or pods, string.

Use:
For sound exploration.



6 Seed Pod Wrist Bells

A bracelet or wrist band strung with dry seed pods that jingle when shaken.

Found Materials:
Seed pods, cordage, woven band.

Use:
For music, dance, and rhythm games.