



## Making Percussion Instruments

Percussion instruments are the most varied in the orchestra and ‘inventing’ and making them is fun. Below are a few suggestions of instruments that you can make, but you can also find many more ideas simply by doing a computer image search for homemade percussion instruments. In the lesson “Percussion Jam” which follows, you can use homemade instruments as simple as hitting two pencils together, or you can use store-bought ones. In any case, the result will be fun and you’re only limited by your imagination!

### **Instruments you strike:**

Clay pots make an interesting instrument. Use the kind that has the drain hole in the bottom. Using the hole, hang them from a string (run the string through the hole and tie a large paper clip, stick or other object on the end as a stop) and hit them with a wooden spoon. Be careful not to break them.

Any pan or bowl can be an instrument by hitting them. Try different ones, but also don’t neglect trying various strikers like spoons, drum sticks, pencils, nails, etc.

Hit together a couple of sticks, pencils, nails, or bolts. Chopsticks also make an interesting sound when hit together.

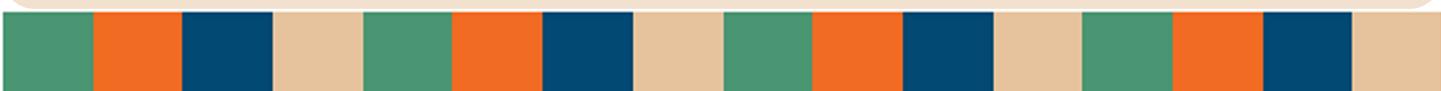
Make a drum out of a coffee can or a trash can (metal or plastic). Or using a play-dough or similar-sized can, stretch a balloon across the top and secure it with rubber bands for a drum head.

### **Instruments you shake:**

Make a shaker by simply filling a container half full with rice, beans, seeds, pebbles, sand, small buttons, BBs, metal soda tops, or the like; then secure the top. Containers can include paper plates stapled or taped together, toilet paper tubes with the ends taped, water bottles, metal containers like an empty tin can, plastic storage containers, etc.

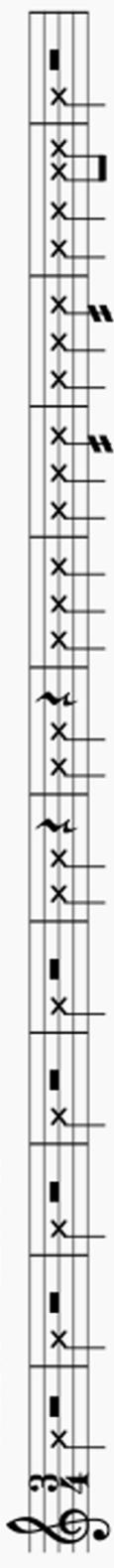
### **Instruments you scrape:**

Anything can be scraped or rubbed together – copy paper, sandpaper (try different grits). Rub sandpaper together, but also try scraping other things on the sand paper. Make a guiro by scraping a comb or a hair pick with a Popsicle stick. The wire binding of a spiral notebook is also a good choice.

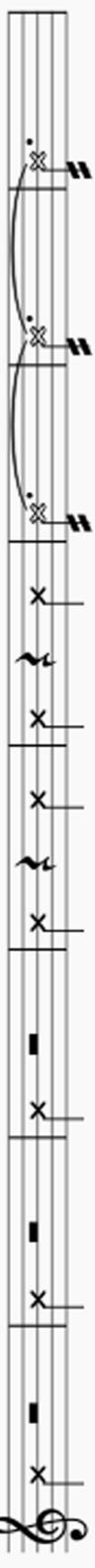


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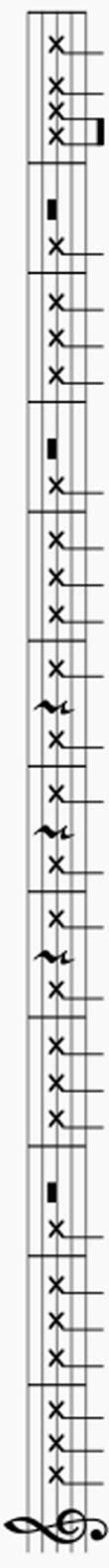
Section A Time: 0"-36"



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