

Like it? Make it!

**Africa
SPECIAL!**

AN AFRICAN DJEMBE DRUM

**What
you'll
need**

- Two paper cups
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Old newspaper
- Flour
- Water
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Plastic bag
- Rubber band
- Mixing bowl
- String
- PVA glue

**Start
here!**



1 Cut the bottoms out of the cups, then tape the two ends together. Mix a cup of flour with two cups of water and a squirt of glue to make a papier-mâché paste. Tear the newspaper into strips.



2 Now, paint a layer of the paste onto the cups. Next, dip the newspaper strips into the paste, then stick them over the cups until they're both totally covered.



3 When the papier-mâché has dried, paint the cups white so that the newspaper doesn't show through. When that's dry, start decorating your drum – be as creative as you can!



4 Cut a circle out of the plastic bag, stretch it over the top of one of the cups (this will be the top of the drum), and use the rubber band to hold it in place. Next, trim off the extra plastic around the edges.



5 Wrap a length of string around the middle of the drum several times, then tie it in a knot. Do the same around the top of the drum. Next, weave a new piece of string from the top to the middle of the drum to make a zigzag shape all around it (we added more string to the bottom of the drum, too, for decoration). Now it's ready to play!

MAKING MUSIC

Africa is a huge continent with many different musical traditions. Check out these incredible instruments...

STRUM-THING SPECIAL

This box-shaped wooden guitar is called a kabosy, and is commonly played on the East African island of Madagascar. With four to six strings, it's often made from recycled materials like fishing line. What a stunner of a strummer!



African kids love the kabosy!

JIG TO THE JUG!

The udu is an African drum invented by the Igbo people of Nigeria. It's actually a water jug with an extra hole, and is traditionally played by women during important ceremonies. Wat-er wicked idea!



This jug is great for jiving along to!

FAST FINGERS

A traditional instrument played by the Shona people of Zimbabwe, this wooden board with metal keys attached is called a mbira. Musicians pluck the keys with their thumbs and forefingers. It rocks!



Making music with the plucky mbira!

PERFECT PIPES

Similar to the Scottish bagpipes, the mizwad is played in Tunisia. The player blows into the animal skin bag, and the sound is made as the air comes out of two cow horns at the bottom. What sweet moo-sic!



African-style bagpipes!

Top tip!

Why not make some shakers from containers with rice inside, and then invite mates round and start an African band?!

The average number of licks to polish off one scoop of ice-cream is about 50...