



## At-Home Activity: Make a Tambourine



Music plays a central role in New Orleans history and culture, from drumming in Congo Square to the tambourines of Mardi Gras Indians, brass bands, and beyond. Try making your own “tambourine” to bring some of the music home with you!

Using simple household materials, including a paper plate, tape, and dried beans, you can create your own noisemaker. If you don’t have some of these materials, try improvising! What else could you use to make noise? How else can you decorate it?

### Materials:

- Paper plate
- Masking tape, duct tape, or a stapler
- Popcorn kernels or dried beans
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Optional:
  - Stickers
  - Streamers or ribbon
  - Scissors

**Instructions:**

1. To start, fold your paper plate in half to make the tambourine shape.



2. Put tape along  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of the rim of the paper plate so that there is now only a small opening. If you do not have tape, you can also staple the plate closed, but be sure not to leave large openings between the staples.



3. Fill your tambourine with beans or popcorn kernels. You don't need very much!



4. Close up the rest of the outside of the paper plate with tape or staples. Make sure that there are no holes where the kernels can escape.



5. Decorate the two sides of your tambourine any way you would like!
  - a. You can use markers or crayons to draw.

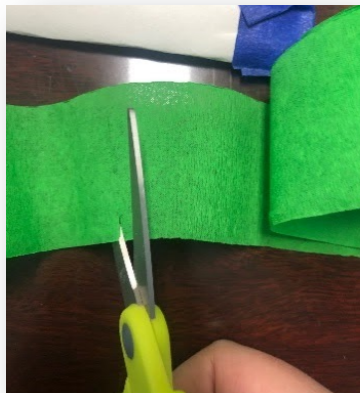




b. You can also add stickers.



c. If you have streamers or ribbon, try attaching some to the edge of your tambourine with tape for some added festive flair.



6. Once you're done decorating, your tambourine is ready to use!

