Oldham Council Music Service and Music Centre



Making Instruments at Home

We hope you are enjoying your home learning.

Lots of our music lessons need you to have something that you can use to create sounds. So here is one simple idea for how to make an instrument that you can use to create lots of different types of sound.

You will need:

- An empty container that has a lid (e.g. a milk carton or a plastic drinks bottle)
- Something to put inside the container to make a sound (dried rice, pasta, lentils etc.)
- Something to tap your soundmaker with (wooden spoon, metal spoon etc.)



What you need to do

- 1. Make sure that your container is clean and dry.
- 2. Put some rice, pasta or lentils inside your container.
- 3. Screw the lid on tightly
- 4. Try making lots of different sounds on your new instrument. Can you....?

Shake Tap Scrape



Tap it in different places to get high and low sounds

Play it quietly Play it loudly

Start quietly and then get louder

Start loudly and then get quieter

Many musicians... one harmony