



Berry Box Instrument:

You will need:

- A plastic clamshell-style berry box
- An old newspaper/magazine that you can cut up
- Glue
- Rubber bands (wider ones are best)

1. Find a newspaper or magazine with pictures you like, and ask an adult if it's okay to cut it up for this craft. Then go ahead and cut out a few pictures (you won't need many).

2. Spread a thin layer of glue over the top of the berry box and start gluing the pictures on, using more glue as needed.



3. Stretch rubber bands all the way around the berry box. Give them a pluck, and then experiment with changing the sounds:



a. Tighten the part of the rubber band that passes over the top of the box by grabbing just one side of it and pulling it toward you. This allows you to “tune” the instrument, but it will loosen as you play and will need to be done repeatedly.

b. Try different placements for the rubber bands. Does it sound different closer to the edge of the box?



c. Compare the difference between the rubber bands resting between the holes in the box, over them, or any combination (such as over the bottom holes but between the holes in the lid.) Which way do you like the sound best? What about having one rubber band each way?



See if you can come up with any other ways to alter and customize your musical instrument!