

Lesson 2, Camp Life, Activity 1A: Musical Instrument Making: The Snare Drum

Materials Needed:

- Round cardboard containers (12-16 inch diameter; 8-12 inches high) similar to a hatbox (one for each student)
- Assorted colored markers and pencils, or acrylic paint and brushes
- White glue
- Leather string
- Tag Board (brown, red, or black)
- Hole-puncher
- A bag of chopsticks enough for all of the students to have a pair and serve as drumsticks
- Instruction Sheet for making the drum

Implementation Procedures

Step 1

- Set-up three to four tables with the art supplies.
- Tell the students that they will create their own snare drum similar to the snare drum in the Guilford Courthouse collection. Tell them that they are to decorate their drum with contemporary symbols of protest, patriotism, freedom, and empowerment based on the results of their prior internet research of music and broadcast presentation.
- Distribute a round container to each student.

Step 2

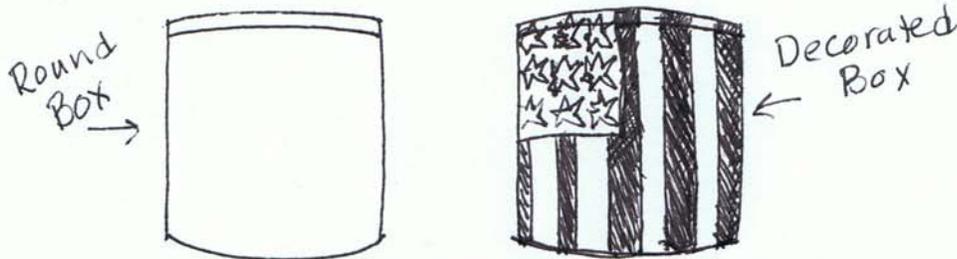
- Distribute the instruction sheet to each student.

Step 3

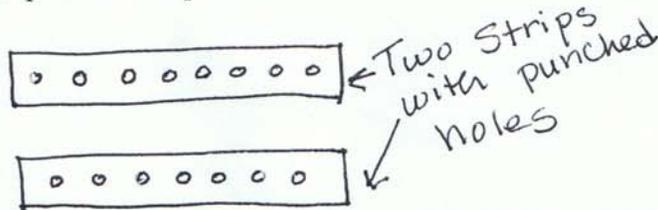
- After the students have completed their snare drum, allow them to share and discuss their designs.

Making a Snare Drum Instruction sheet

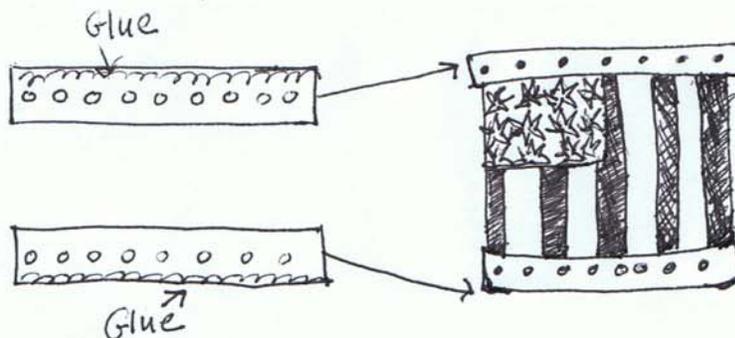
1. Using assorted colored markers and pencils or acrylic paint and brushes, decorate the circumference or sides of the round cardboard container with your symbols that represent freedom, protest, or patriotism.



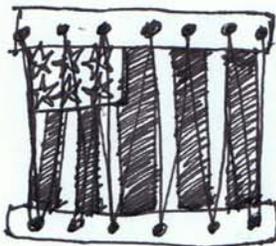
2. Cut two two-inch wide strips of the tag board to fit the circumference of the container. Using a hole-puncher, punch holes along the middle of the strips one inch apart.



3. Put glue on the upper edge of one of the strips and place it around the top edge of the container. Put glue along the lower edge of the second strip and place it around the bottom edge of the container. Allow the glued strips to dry.



4. Cut a strip of leather string (approximately three to four feet), make a knot at the end of it and weave the string through the holes in a diagonal design by starting at one of the holes on the top strip, bring it down and go through a hole on the bottom strip. Alternate until you have woven the string through all the holes. Knot the string at the end.



5. The drum is now ready for sharing.

