

Lesson 2, 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.