

HOMEMADE PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS

Listed below are the categories of materials that I use to create percussion instruments for my group “Enviro Drum”

- 1. PLASTICS/RUBBER**
- 2. METALS**
- 3. WOOD**
- 4. CARDBOARD/PAPER**
- 5. GLASS**
- 6. FOOD**

PLASTICS: Recycled bins, rubber maid products, basket ball, exercise ball, water jugs, bags, tupper ware, water bottles, empty plastic food containers work well as drums (ice cream containers, margarine, etc...)

METALS: Kitchen utensils, tire rims, lamp stands, scrap metal pieces, old style garbage cans, folding chair, empty ridged coffee containers make a nice guiro. Empty soup cans, metal jar lids, keys, etc...

WOOD: Dowels as sticks or claves, broom handles, storage box, fruit box, cigar box, etc...

CARDBOARD/PAPER: Empty paper towel or gift wrapping rolls make great pitched instruments similar to boom whackers. Cereal boxes, Kraft dinner boxes, and many more packaged food boxes make great shakers. Ripped newspaper and stationary paper for sound effects.

GLASS: large empty pasta or jam bottles work nice with a plastic striker (don't hit too hard)

FOOD: Different sizes, textures and weight of food make a big difference in tone quality, dynamics and feel when used in creating an instrument. For example: adding rice, corn, beans to an empty water bottle. Another way is to use a food product already packaged such as pasta in a box or corn flakes make great shakers.