Make your own Tambourine

Create your own musical instrument with this fun and easy paper plate tambourine craft. Looking for a fun and simple craft to do with your child that doubles as a musical instrument? Look no further than a homemade paper plate tambourine! With just a few basic materials, you and your child can create a unique and colorful tambourine that will provide hours of musical entertainment.

To make your paper plate tambourine, you will need a few items

- Paper plate
- Stapler
- Colored markers or paint
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn
- Small jingle bells.

Follow these simple steps:

- 1. Decorate the outer side of the paper plate using markers or paint. Encourage your child to be as creative as possible and come up with their own unique design.
- 2.Once the decoration is complete and dry, place another paper plate on top of the decorated plate to create a sandwich effect, making sure the decorated sides are facing outward. Align the plates together and staple along the outer edge, leaving a small opening of about 2–3 inches.
- 3. Using a hole punch, make several holes around the outer edge of the tambourine, evenly spaced apart. These holes will be used to attach the jingle bells or bottle caps.
- 4. Attach the jingle bells to the tambourine by threading ribbon or yarn through the holes and tying them securely. Make sure the jingle bells are evenly distributed for a balanced sound.
- 5. Once all the jingle bells are attached, staple the remaining opening to close the tambourine securely.

Your paper plate tambourine is now ready to play! Encourage your child to shake, rattle, and create their own musical rhythms. This simple craft not only provides an opportunity for creativity and musical expression, but also helps develop fine motor skills as children thread the ribbon or yarn through the holes. Gather your materials and get ready for some musical fun!

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