

# MUSIC

## 4/5 GRADE ACTIVITY

### LET'S MAKE AN INSTRUMENT!

There are sounds all around us. Sound is everywhere and where you have sound, you can also find music. Regular objects around you may not seem like instruments, but if you think creatively, everything can make music.

**Let's create an instrument out of materials around you!** Music lives in everyday objects – you can make your instrument from anything and everything. It's up to you to find the sounds around you!

STEP 1:	STEP 2:	STEP 3:
Find materials to make an instrument. It can be one object or multiple objects that work together. Here are some ideas to get you started...pencil, paper, dried beans, empty toilet paper roll, rocks. Go explore!	Explore your object(s). How many sounds can it make? What does is sound like to scrape/shake/ tap/rip/crumple/ drop/ blow on your object? Create as many different sounds as you can.	Get inspired by the sounds around you to make music with your instrument. What do you hear? Crows, rain, footstep? Find one sound you enjoy and make an ostinato (short pattern of music that repeats). Can your instrument caw like a crow or tap like footsteps?

**STEP 4:** When you've found some sounds you enjoy, start to organize them. Make a rhythm on your instrument. What patterns can you play? How can you make your sounds into music?

**STEP 5:** Write your new pattern or rhythm. You can read the rhythms below or write your own.

**Example:**



Tap tap,



tap tap,



scratch



rip



See next page...

Now it is your turn! Place one beat of your rhythm on each line below. If you feel comfortable using staff paper to write your rhythm, please see the next two page.

A grid of 16 horizontal lines for writing a rhythm, arranged in 4 columns and 4 rows.

**STEP 6:** Perform on your new instrument for someone else—a family member, a pet, a stuffy, or virtually with a friend or teacher.

### **MUSIC VIDEO LESSONS**

For more lessons, go to Seattle Public Schools YouTube site.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/SeattlePublicSchoolsTV>

Lesson by: Shelby Leyland at Lowell Elementary & Katie Raschko at Kimball Elementary



