

## Djembe Drums

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Today, we are looking at an African drum called a djembe. It is one of the most well-known drums that has spread across the world. The djembe is a rope-tuned, skin-covered, goblet-shaped drum. The body of the drum is carved from hardwood and the drum head is made of animal skin (often goat).

You will need:

- Hard cardboard tube/Tin
- Balloon
- Tape
- String
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pens
- Tissue paper for decoration

Instructions:

1. Decorate a piece of paper to make it vibrant then glue or tape it onto your tube.
2. Cut off the narrow end of the balloon (the bit you blow into) to make a wider opening. Stretch this wider bit over the top of the tube, stretching the balloon until the bump disappears and it is tight like a drum skin. Ask an adult for help with this. Test the sound by tapping gently on the stretched balloon.
3. Secure the stretched balloon in place. Electrical tape works best but any tape will do. Go along the whole edge to make sure the balloon doesn't move.
4. To make it even more traditional, you can use some glue to add string decoration in a zigzag pattern at the top of your drum.

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