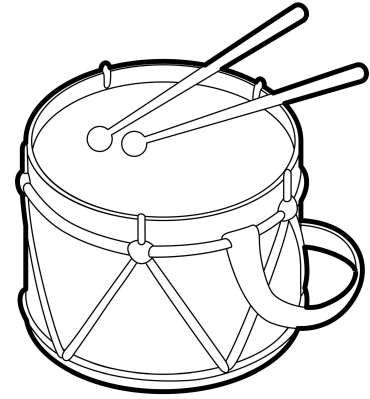


The National Archives Fourth of July Craft Activities

Patriotic Drum



WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- A cylindrical coffee can, empty and cleaned, or a mixing bowl
- Plastic wrap (red or clear)
- Blue painter's tape (masking tape will work too)
- Rubber bands
- Construction paper (blue and white)
- Supplied sheet of patriotic symbols
- Glue
- Scissors
- Wooden spoon or pencil

DIRECTIONS: (Please note - these activities include working with sharp objects.
Creation of crafts should only be done with the supervision of adults)

1. Take the plastic wrap and cover the opening of the coffee can. Secure the wrap with rubber bands or tape, depending on the size of the opening.
2. Reinforce the plastic wrap with a strip of painter's tape across the length of the opening.
3. Optional: Cover the can with blue construction paper and then glue on white construction paper stars. You can also add some of the supplied patriotic symbols.
4. Have fun with your new drum! Using a wooden spoon as a drumstick, create musical signals to communicate with your family and friends.



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