

Drums and Shakers

Drums and shakers used in Polynesia are highly decorated.

Starting Points

Patterns on drums and shakers can be based on a particular theme, organic, figures or maybe abstract.

Using earth-coloured paints or patterns using string, seeds or sand etc.

Materials for Drums and Shakers

Use tubes from carpet warehouses and household tubes.

Vary the sizes for different sounds and interesting display.

Paint a base colour over the whole tube.

Use different papers and materials to cover one end such as brown paper, tracing paper or acetate and then trim after sticking.

Shakers

Decorate the tubes.

Seal one end and fill with varying amounts of seeds, rice or dried beans etc.

Vary the amounts of seeds for different sounds.

Seal the other end.

Experiment with different papers for different sound effects.

Ping Pong Ball Shaker

Use acrylic paint or permanent felt tips for applying decoration to the balls.

Use up to five balls per shaker.

Make hole in ball with a heated barbecue skewer and fill with a variety of seeds or lentils.

Streamers of strips of coloured polythene can be added before stick is inserted and glued in place.

Stick handle can then be covered or bound with string or other material.



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