

What you need to make a DIY hand drum

- A Pringles canister (large or small), or similar round container with a lid/toilet roll tube
- Craft knife
- A 6 inch wooden dowel. I didn't have one so I used a thick knitting needle.
- Decorative tape or ribbon
- Ribbon/string or thread
- Beads (make sure the ribbon is a good size to go through the beads and then tie a secure knot).
- Glue or sellotape
- Scissors
- Colouring pens/pencils
- Sheet A4 paper (to cover the tube)
- A large-eyed needle (it doesn't need to be sharp)



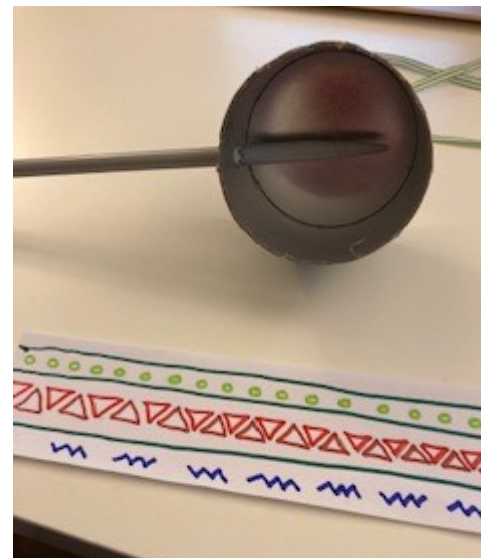
How to make a toy hand drum:

1. Cut your tube about an inch to an inch and a half from the bottom. It doesn't need to be perfect.

2. I will cover mine with white paper which I have decorated in Mayan patterns. You can decorate your drum however you wish, it could be with different sticky tapes or like I am doing with decorated paper.

3. Punch a hole halfway into your ring. You'll need a strong hole punch for this. If you don't have a good one, make an x with your craft knife in that spot, the size of the dowel head/stick that you are using.

4. Stick your dowel/stick in. Important: secure it in place with glue and allow it to dry! Alternatively, if you want to use the stick again, as I will my knitting needle then use tape to secure it (if you need to).



5. Cut off the neck of your balloon if you're using a toilet roll tube. If not, you could use the lid from the Pringles tube for one side.

6. This is the tricky part... pull your balloon over the opening on one side of your ring. It needs to be pulled completely flat - no bunching in the middle, no gaps around the edges, or it won't hold. Tip: if you're having trouble, secure a small spot in place with duct tape and pull the rest around. You probably won't be able to get the tape off afterward, so do this in a spot you'll be covering.

7. Secure it in place with a strip of pretty tape. Only secure the balloon to one side of your drum as you need to get inside the drum for the next bit.

8. Poke a hole in each side of your tube using your knife. Poke a piece of ribbon or string through and secure it with a knot on the inside and the outside. I chose to use one piece of ribbon rather than cut it as it shows in the picture below.

9. Add your bead(s,) knot them to secure, and trim, making sure that the ribbon reaches easily to the middle of the drum/balloon.



10. Seal the open side of your ring with another balloon (if using), the same way you did with the first. So repeat steps 6 to 7.

11. To hold the lid on the tube you will either need pva glue or double sided tape (you can make your own here by just folding over Sellotape).



That's it! You can decorate the dowel if you want, or just leave it as it is.

