

How to make your OWN guitar!

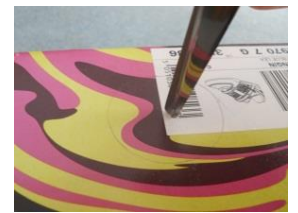
1. Collect your equipment. As the picture to the right shows, you'll need a cardboard tube, a shoebox or box of a similar size, a skipping rope or piece of long string, a pair of scissors, a pencil, tape and some rubber bands.



2. Remove the lid from your shoebox and place the box so it is vertically facing you. Place the cardboard tube on roughly the middle of the box end and draw around it with your pencil.



3. Cut out the hole you have drawn. Depending on the thickness of the cardboard in your box you may need adult help with this. Make an incision (stab the middle of the circle!) to get yourself started.



4. Push the tube through the hole you've cut out. It may require some wedging but that's a good thing, if it takes effort to put in then hopefully it won't come out when you're in the middle of some rocking air guitar! Reinforce the joint with tape if you feel that the tube may fall out.



5. Take the shoebox lid and draw a circle on it.



6. Cut out the circle and reinforce the edges with tape.



7. Take some rubber bands and stretch them around the midriff of your box. You can have as many or as little strings as you like but most guitars have 6. Place 3 or 4 around the end of your tube to act as a fret board (this is where guitarists hold down their notes or chords).



8. Put the lid back onto the box.



9. Weave your skipping rope or long piece of string under and over the rubber bands. Tie a knot at one end to secure it. This will form your guitar strap so make sure it's the right length for you.



10. Now you can decorate! You can paint your guitar, put stickers on it, or glitter glue it all over the place. Just make sure that you don't paint or glue the guitar strings (rubber bands) because they may lose their elasticity, which means they'll break more easily. Decorate the lid last and, once you have finished decorating, you can tape the lid on. Below are some ideas of what you can do to your guitar (as well as what mine looked like)!



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