

## The Bush Band – Make Your Own Instruments

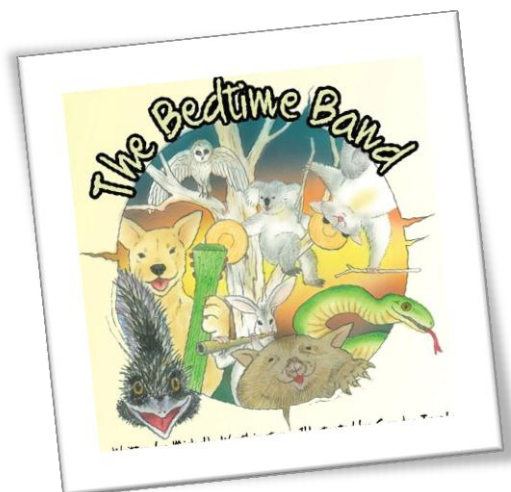
### TAMBOURINE

- Two paper plates
- Stapler
- Hole punch
- String
- Jingle bells
- Crayons

Staple two paper plates together, facing each other. Use the hole punch to make holes around the plates and tie jingle bells to the holes with string. Decorate the tambourine with crayons. Shake to play.

**Note:** Heavy duty paper plates may be more durable for this craft.

**Safety note:** Adults should only use the stapler. When finished be sure to cover the staples with scotch tape.



### DRUM

- Empty large cereal box
- Wool
- Construction paper
- Crayons

Decorate the box with construction paper and/or crayons for a colourful effect.

Make a hole at each end of the box. Pull a piece of wool through the holes long enough to hang around child's neck so the box is down to their waist. Beat to play.

### CHIMES

- Ruler or stick
- Plumbing washers
- String
- Mixing spoon

Hang the washers from the ruler or stick with pieces of string by wrapping the string around the ruler or stick and securing. Strike the washers with the mixing spoon to play.

### HORN

- Paper towel roll
- Baking paper
- Rubber
- Band
- Pen

Cover one end of the paper towel roll with baking paper and secure it with a rubber band. Punch a row of holes along one side of the roll with the tip of a pen.

To play, sing a tune into the open end of the horn.

### **CYMBALS**

- Two pot covers

To play, strike together.

### **XYLOPHONE**

- Tall glasses or jars
- Water
- Mixing spoon

Fill the glasses or jars with different amounts of water. The more water in the glass, the lower the pitch will be. Having less water in the glass or jar will raise the pitch.

To play, strike the glasses gently with a mixing spoon.

**Note:** This instrument should probably be played by older children in the band because of the use of glass.

### **COMB BUZZER**

- Pocket comb
- Tissue paper

Fold a piece of tissue paper over the tooth edge of a comb. To play, hum through the tissue paper.

### **GUITAR**

- Empty shoe box
- Rubber bands
- Ruler or stick

Stretch the rubber bands around the box. Attach the ruler or stick to the back of the box on one end to act as the arm of the guitar.

To play, strum or pluck the rubber bands.