

WOODWIND: KAZOO

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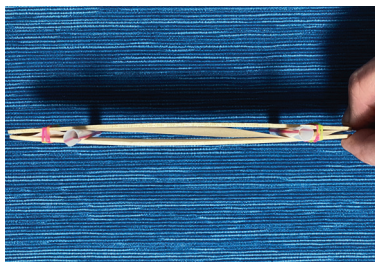
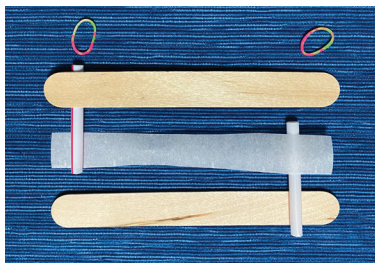
- 2 Wide popsicle sticks
- 2 Straw pieces
- Parchment paper
- 4 Rubber bands

For ages 5+ with adult assistance.
Warning: Choking hazard - contains small parts.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Stack popsicle stick, left end straw, parchment paper, right end straw then popsicle stick in a sandwich.
2. Rubber band tightly each end of the popsicle stick sandwich near the straws. Make sure the paper stays taught between the straws. Place up to your mouth and blow across to make different sounds. There is no need to hum.



HISTORY

Kazoos are wind instruments called mirlitons, which use a vibrating membrane to make sound. Hundreds of years ago, African mirlitons were made from cow horns with spider eggshells for the vibrating membrane.

Alabama Vest, an African-American hailing from Macon, Georgia, invented the modern day kazoo in the 1840's. These instruments were made from steel.

MORE TO EXPLORE!

Try this kazoo with different items between the popsicle sticks to make a new sound. Other ideas to try: replace the parchment paper with a large rubber band lengthwise on one popsicle stick.

