

CMOML Half-Term Workshop with Artist Pui Lee! Make Your Own Army Drum!

***** Inspiration Time! *****

1. For this activity, take inspiration from the army drums from the museum's collection.
...Here are some examples below for you to look at!



Craft Activity Instructions: Make Your Own Army Drum!

2. You will need to gather the following materials:

- Pencil/Rubber/Sharpener
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glue
- Wide transparent parcel tape
- String
- Hole-punch
- Corrugated cardboard or thick card (but must be rollable)



To add colour to your drum, you can use:

- Coloured paper (by gluing it on)
OR
- Coloured paint + paintbrushes
- PVA glue [optional]



>Note: Younger children can use an old circular biscuit tin and can decorate/add to it using some of the suggestions in this activity.

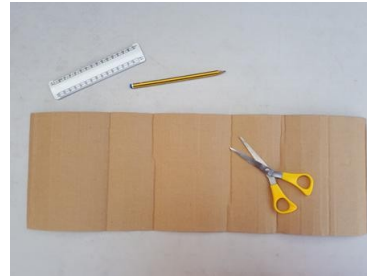


3. Draw out a long rectangle from your cardboard/thick card using a pencil and ruler. For example, mine is: 20cm x 60cm.

TIP: The bigger your rectangle, the bigger your drum will be!



4. Carefully cut this rectangle out using scissors.



5. Roll the rectangle into a cylinder and tape one end to the other.



6. Then cover the top of cylinder with at least 6 layers of wide transparent parcel tape. Make sure this top surface is taut and not slack in any areas.

TIP: Tap the surface with a pencil to see if it keeps its shape.



7. Choose what colour you want your drum to be.

Then add colour to the outside of the cylinder by painting or by gluing coloured paper on it.

For this drum, I glued yellow paper on to make it look like a golden drum.

TIP: If you are covering the drum with coloured paper like me, make sure you glue down all the edges of the paper and tuck underneath at the base if need be.

If using paint, make sure this has dried before you move onto the next steps. You can also add a layer of PVA glue onto it afterwards to make it look extra shiny!



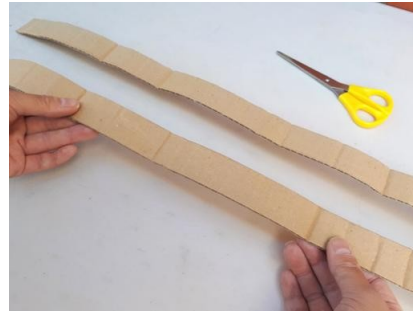


8. Draw out two long rectangular strips from the cardboard/thick card using a pencil and ruler. Mine were: 3.2cm x 60cm.

These will form the two rings of the drum: one at the top and one at the bottom.



9. Carefully cut these strips out using scissors.



10. Decorate these two cardboard strips. You can do this using paint or by gluing coloured paper on it.

Work on the base layer colour first.

So, for example, I have covered both cardboard strips using white paper making sure this is carefully glued down.



11. Then I add the pattern on top of these white strips by gluing on cut-out red and blue coloured paper shapes.

If using paint, simply paint on top when the base layer has dried. Afterwards, you can add a layer of PVA glue onto it to make it look extra shiny once dried.



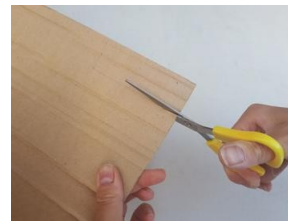
12. Next, glue one of these patterned strips along the top edge of the drum.



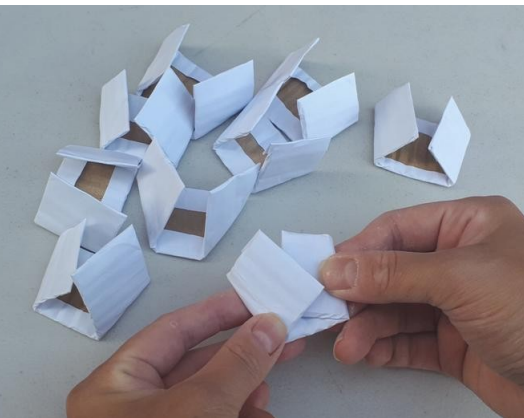
13. Then glue the other strip along the bottom edge of the drum, like shown.



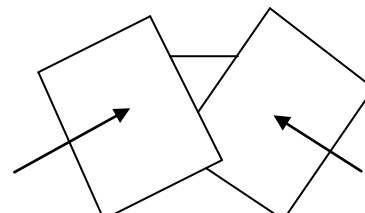
14. Draw out 9 rectangular strips from the cardboard/thick card using a pencil and ruler. Mine were: 3.5cm x 10cm. Then cut these pieces out using scissors.



15. Make these white by painting or covering with white paper.



16. Once dried, carefully fold the short side edges inwards diagonally as shown.

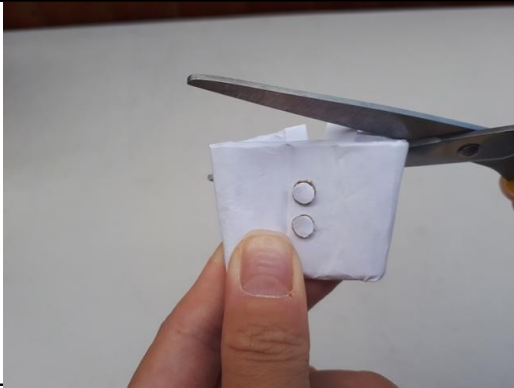


17. Cover another piece of cardboard in white by using paint or by gluing on paper again.

Using this new piece, punch out 9 pairs of mini circles as shown using a hole-punch.

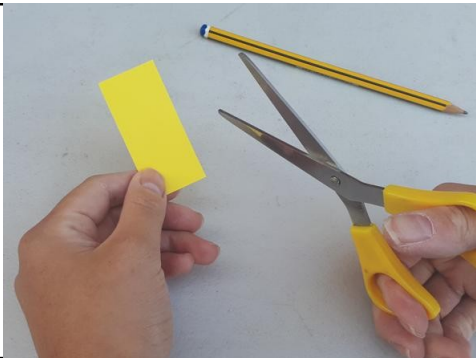


18. Glue on a pair of these mini circles onto each white piece from Step 15.



19. Using scissors, cut off the excess parts visible over the top.

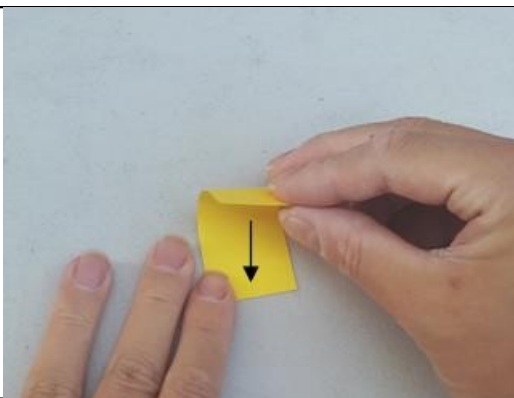
Repeat Step 17 and Step 18 with the remainder 8 pieces.



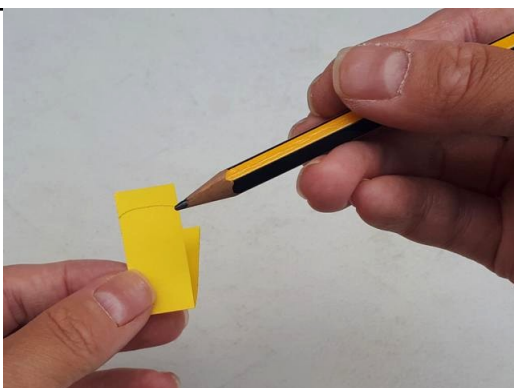
20. Then draw out 18 rectangular strips from paper using a pencil and ruler.

Mine were: 3.2cm x 6cm and I have used yellow paper.

Then cut these pieces out using scissors.



21. Fold each paper strip in half by lining up the short edge to the short edge.



22. Then draw on the shape you want for the drum clip and cut out, like shown.



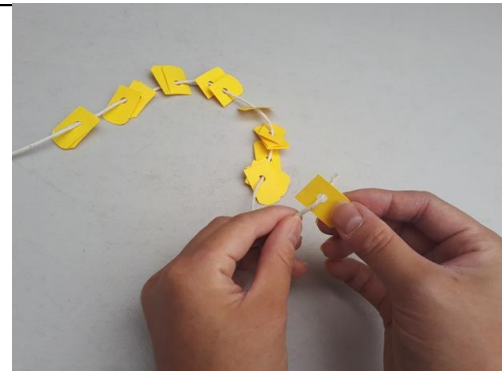


23. Keep the piece folded; and punch a hole into it using a hole-punch, like shown.

Do this with all the pieces.



24. With one piece, open up and glue both sides together, like shown. Do this for each one.



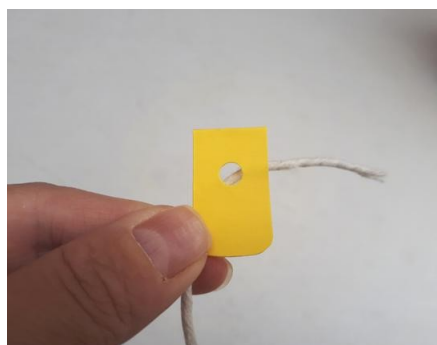
25. Then thread a piece of string through the holes of 17 of these pieces.



26. The remaining piece will be the first one That you attach to your drum.

Put glue onto one side of the yellow piece and position the string as shown left.

[Note: the string is not threaded through the hole for this first piece.]



When you turn the piece over, it looks like this. See left.



27. Then attach this onto the top ring of your drum like shown. The part just above the hole is pressed down over the top edge of the drum, as shown.



28. The next piece (with the string threaded through) is just glued directly down onto the bottom strip of your drum, like shown.



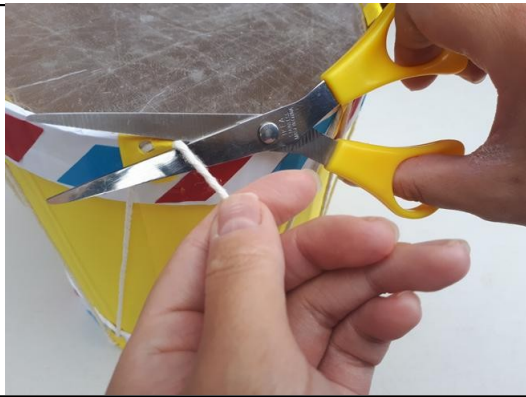
29. Then attach the next piece onto the top strip of your drum, like shown. Again, the part just above the hole is pressed over the top edge of the drum.



30. Then continue by adding the string to the your drum in a zigzag way, like shown.

The paper pieces (representing the clips) are just glued down, onto the top and bottom patterned rings, to hold the string in place at equal points around the drum .





31. When you get back to where you started with the zigzagging, cut off the dangly bit of string from your very first clip using scissors.



32. Then the final piece is just glued directly on top of this first piece, like shown.



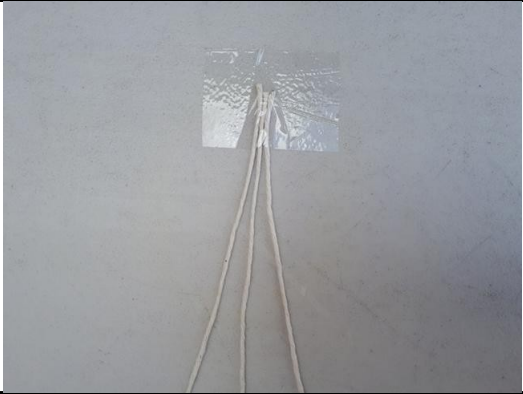
33. Cut off the excess string using scissors as shown.



34. Then add on your white-covered cardboard pieces from earlier. Wrap onto two strings and carefully add tape onto the reverse side of the piece.

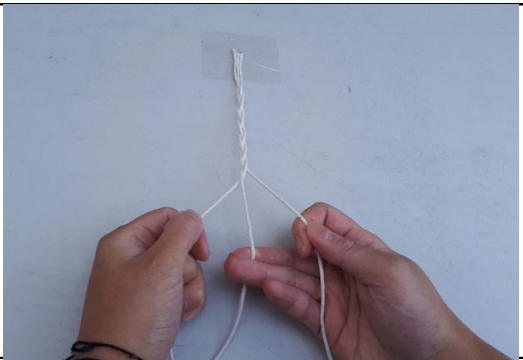


35. Repeat using the remainder pieces and your drum will look something like this!



36. Next, cut 3 pieces of string which can go all the way around your drum and tape the top ends down onto your workspace.

Mine are 60cm each.



37. Then plait these three pieces of string together.



38. Attach this braiding to the bottom strip of your drum using tape, like shown .





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39. Then... HOORAY!

Your drum is now complete! :-)



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40. You can even use pencils as drumsticks to play on your drum!

TIP: Just make sure they are not sharp where you are holding them.



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41. You can also add a strap to your drum so that you can wear it around your body! Either use some ribbon OR make your own using cardboard/paper.

TIP: Make sure it is attached securely onto your drum before wearing it!

42. ...Have fun playing with it! :-)

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