

Plan:

- What kind of instrument would you like to make? How can you learn about making it?
- What skills do you need to make your instrument? How can you learn these skills?
- What materials and tools do you need?
- What is your budget for this project?
- When and where will you make your instrument? What is your timeline for this project?

Do:

- Craft your own musical instrument.
- With others from your Crew, practise playing some songs with the instruments you've made.

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- What problems did you encounter along the way, and how did you overcome them?
- How did you collaborate as a team to make your instruments and learn to play together?
- How can you build on this experience? Might you visit a local violin or guitar maker and see how they approach their craft?

Safety note:

- What safety equipment and procedures do you need to be familiar with for the tools you're using?
- How can you stay safe when using paint or varnish?

Online Resources:

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- ["Who says you need to buy a guitar?"](#)
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Creative Expression



The Adventure:

Many musical instruments are not only used to produce art, they are works of art in their own right. The craftsmanship that goes into making an instrument is often very impressive.

This does not mean, however, that there are not instruments that can be crafted or invented by those who have a crafty skill set to begin with. All the better if you and others in your Crew have a little musical talent that you can use to playing an instrument you made yourself!



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