

## Foreword

Hello!

This is Pam Andrews. Well, I have finally fulfilled my promise to create a Home-made Instrument and Worship Tool Book for you to use with your children in choir or worship.

I am a real believer in hands-on activities with children. There is an old Chinese Proverb that says, "I hear...I forget, I see...and I remember, I do...and I understand." I really like that saying because I believe God wants us to experience complete worship...mind, body, and soul. When we put a worship tool in the hand of a child we create a way for even the non-singer to experience the blessing of worship. God has given me so many worship ideas though out the years that I have shared with you at conferences and seminars. I have promised many times that I would compile these ideas in a user friendly form so you can utilize them easily with your children. Praise the Lord and thanks to much help, I have this first edition ready for you.

Things to remember...

These worship tools are not a craft you should send home immediately. You should use them in worship with your children many times. Thus, begins your life of storage tubs.

Remember to have the children mirror your movements!

Boys especially enjoy hands-on experiences in music.

Use boy-friendly terminology to label worship tools...no "pom poms."

Move to the beat! These hands-on resources will enhance your worship experiences with your children.

Classroom control is a great benefit of hands-on activities!

If the child is misbehaving with their worship tool, take immediate action. Say to the child, "Your worship tool is misbehaving and must go to time-out." Take the

worship tool and place it in a "Time Out Box" you have created or a "Time Out" labeled area. Leave the Instrument or worship tool there for...

15 seconds—Preschool

1 minute—1<sup>st</sup> Grade

2 minutes—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

3 minutes—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

4 minutes—4<sup>th</sup> Grade

5 minutes—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Double the time for repeat offenders.

Remember, to only correct the item...not the child. Suddenly, you will see your children become more responsible and willing to stay on task in your choir or worship setting because **THEY ALL WANT TO HOLD A WORSHIP TOOL OR HOMEMADE INSTRUMENT.**

Begin your tub life today...I have many, many tubs of worship tools and home-made instruments. Teach your children with hands-on methods and your choir will truly become the best it can possibly be...a worship event for your children and for you!

God bless YOU and thanks for working for the Lord with children. You are making a real difference in the world.

I love each and every one of you!

Living for Jesus!

*Pam Andrews*

PS Remember you can contact me at [PamAndrewsMusic.com](http://PamAndrewsMusic.com) or at [PamAndrewsMusic@comcast.net](mailto:PamAndrewsMusic@comcast.net).

# Sandpaper Banjos



## Needs

1 Paper or Plastic plate or Cake Round  
Paint Stir-Stick  
Duct Tape  
Sandpaper  
Hot glue gun and glue sticks  
Yarn or string

## Directions

Cut a piece of sandpaper to fit the center of the cake round or plate and a four inch square. Fold the square piece of sandpaper in half and place the end of the string or yarn in the fold. Hot glue the string to secure it and glue the folded sandpaper together to finish your "pick." Tape the top half of the yarn or string to the front of the plate then hot glue the circle of sandpaper to the cake round or plate. Note: go easy on the hot glue if you are using plastic plates. Secure the paint stick on the back of the cake round or plate with duct tape. Make sure you turn any writing on the paint stick to the back. When storing the sandpaper banjos, remind the children to wrap the yarn around the "neck" of the banjo to avoid tangling.

## How can I use this in my choir?

These Sandpaper banjos are fun for all ages. When you stroke the banjo sandpaper with the sandpaper pick it will actually make a sound. Have the children pretend to be a praise band and play along with their favorite song.

# Homemade Sticks



## Needs

3 Foot, 1 Inch Dowel Rods

Saw

Sandpaper

## Directions

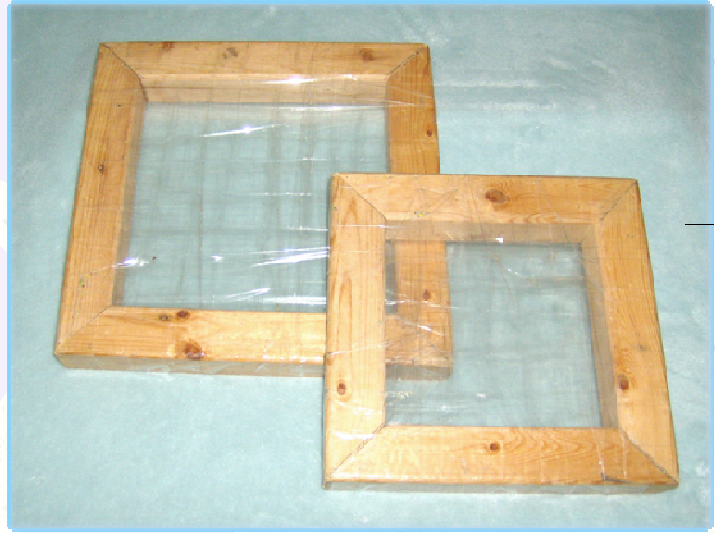
With a saw, cut dowels into 12 inch pieces. Sandpaper the ends to remove any rough edges.

## How can I use this in my choir?

These are fantastic rhythm sticks. Sticks are a great addition to a kid praise band. The children can hit the sticks together to create a rhythm accompaniment to a praise song or they can beat a drum. Praising God with sticks can be great fun for children!



# Packing Tape Drums



## Needs

2" x 2" or 2" x 4" Pieces of Wood at Least 4' in Length

Nails

Hammer

2 Rolls of Clear Packing Tape

## Directions

Have a dad or someone handy with wood, create square 12 inch frames made from 2" x 2"s or 2" x 4"s. (Picture frames can be substituted.) Securely nail the frame together. Allow the children to wrap the frame with clear packing tape. You may want to help them get started to make sure the tape is very tight. Wrap in both directions ...horizontally and vertically until the entire frame has been wrapped. If you have the wood, make frames of various sizes.

## How can I use this in my choir?

A Packing Tape Drum is another awesome worship instrument. Every child enjoys playing the drums. Creating this instrument is great fun and the resulting drum may be used to play along with any praise song. My Packing Tape Drum has been all over the world having been used for many mission trips. I have different sizes which emit different pitches when played.

# Oatmeal Drums



## Needs

1 Empty Oatmeal Container  
Wrapping Paper  
Colorful Tape  
36 Inch, ½ Inch Dowel Rod  
Sandpaper

## Directions

A Packing Tape Drum is another awesome worship instrument.

An Oatmeal Drum is both easy to create and very functional for children. Begin simply with an empty oatmeal container. Cover the outside with wrapping paper or construction paper. Tape the covering in place. You may want to allow the children to decorate the outside of the drum with bright colored tape or crayons. Cut 12 inch sticks from a 36 inch dowel rod. Remember to sandpaper the rough ends of the sticks to avoid splinters. Allow the children to also decorate the sticks with bright colored tape.

## How can I use this in my choir?

Oatmeal Drums are lots of fun for the children. You could add yarn to hang the drum on the child so they can march and play. Whether they pat the drums or use sticks, drums are always a favorite of children. Accenting the heartbeat of a song reminds us that with Jesus we have his heartbeat inside us.