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Pellet Drums



What is a pellet drum?

The den-den daiko is a Japanese pellet drum.

It has two heads and is suspended on a rod, with beads or pellets hanging on threads on either sides of the body of the drum. The drum sounds when it is turned on its axis from side to side, causing the beads to strike the heads of the drum.

What you will need to make a pellet drum.

An empty roll of sticky tape (large)
Bradawl
Two balloons
A dowel or pencil
String
Beads
Duct tape
Washi or glitter tape



How to make your pellet drum.

1. Make 3 holes in your cardboard roll using the bradawl (see the image above. Adults only to use the bradawl.)
2. Place your dowel into the bottom hole and glue in place.
3. Thread a length of string through the other two holes, securing beads to each end.
4. Cut off the narrow part of each balloon and stretch the remaining part over the two sides of the cardboard roll.
5. Secure the balloons in place with duct tape.
6. Decorate around the curved part of your drum with washi or glitter tape.
7. Embellish the dowel with wash or glitter tape also.
8. When you twist the dowel the stringed beads should hit the stretched balloon, making a drumming sound.

Please supervise children at all times with scissors and glue.