

# MAKE A DJEMBE AFRICAN DRUM



YOU'LL NEED...

TWO PAPER OR PLASTIC CUPS • SCISSORS • SELLOTAPE • STRIPS OF NEWSPAPER  
PVA GLUE • WATER • PAINT & BRUSHES • BALLOON • RUBBER BAND • WOOL OR STRING



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Mix 3/4 of PVA glue to 1/4 water to make your papier mache paste. Cut the bottom out of each cup and tape the bottoms together.

Cover your cups in a thin layer of papier mache paste covered newspaper strips, and when it's dry, paint it whatever colours you want.



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Cut open a balloon and stretch it over the top of the cup, holding it in place with a rubber band. Make sure the balloon is stretched tight and trim it neatly.



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Wrap a length of wool or string about four times around the middle of the drum and around the top of your drum, tucking in the ends.

Weave a longer piece of wool or string under the bottom one and then over the top one until you have gone all around the drum. It's now ready to play!



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Drums are one of the most important instruments in Africa. For centuries, 'talking drums' were used by communities to send messages to other communities, sometimes over really long distances.