

THE PACKING TAPE FRAME DRUM (TOTAL COST ABOUT \$5 PER DRUM)

Wood: (spruce is fine)

(start with a 1X3X8' strapping – about \$1 at a building supply store)

These are in 8 lengths each 1' long (these likely should be pre-cut for a class)

(each 8' board makes two drums)

Drill two holes at **one** of the ends of each piece of wood

You also will need:

8 finishing nails (1.5 inch) (for each drum)

white glue (\$1 at Dollarama)

Roll of packing tape (\$1 at Dollarama)

Small hammer (\$1 at Dollarama!) (share one between two perhaps)

Paint, markers, stickers, coloured pencils for decorating your drum

DRUM STICK 1' piece of 3/8" dowelling,

NB: a 4' piece makes 4 beaters ~ (c. \$1 / 4' piece)

Dowelling cap or ball (pre-drilled)

(Michael's or other craft store – pkg of 15 @4.95)

These should be glued together

Roll of coloured electrical tape (Dollarama 4 in a pkg.)

FOR THE BEATER

AFTER starting to make your drum, while waiting for the glue and/or paint to dry create the beater: take a long piece of electrical tape. (maybe .5 metre) Twist it into a long string then wrap that around the handle to create a ridge about half way up the handle. (same as when covering a hockey stick handle) Cover this with a spiral of electrical tape around the handle! Voila.

TO MAKE THE DRUM

Create a square with the four pieces of wood. Glue and nail together. (It may be helpful to do this in pairs of people – one holds the pieces together, the other nails in the nails. One person needs to trust the other!)

DECORATE the square frame with paint, stickers, colours. notation, your name, etc
You can paint and create inside and outside the frame.

TO COVER THE DRUM: Starting at one corner, stretch the packing tape around the square – BEING SURE TO KEEP THE TAPE AS TAUGHT AS POSSIBLE. (Smaller folk may need some help with this part...) Wrap the whole frame – on both sides, and continue across the frame, adding about half a tape width each time. TRY TO KEEP THE TAPE FLAT AND AS TIGHT AS POSSIBLE. When the whole square is covered, repeat the process but with tape running perpendicular to the first layer.

Finish the taping by wrapping one piece around the perimeter of the square.

Play your drum! -

This can be played with the beater or with hands and fingers – **HAVE FUN!**