

Music Lab

 20 Minutes

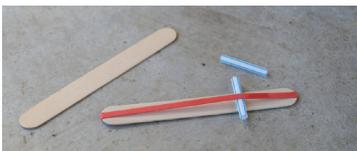


Instructions:

1. Decorate the 2 jumbo craft sticks with markers. (You can choose to skip this step)
2. Stretch a wide rubber band lengthwise over one of the craft sticks.



3. Cut two pieces of straw that are 1 - 1.5 inches long.
4. Place one of the small straw pieces under the wide rubber band, about a third of the way up from one end of the stick.



5. Place the other piece of straw on top of the rubber band, about a third of the way from the other end of the stick.



6. Take the second craft stick and place it on top of the first one.
7. Wrap one of the smaller rubber bands a few times around the end of the stick where you placed the second piece of straw, about 1/2 inch from the end. Make sure the rubber band pinches the two sticks tightly together.

Wrap the second small rubber band around the other end of the stick, about 1/2 inch from the end. When you're done, both ends should be pinched together and there should be a small space between the two craft sticks, created by the pieces of straw.



8. To play the harmonica, all you have to do is blow through the sticks (not the straws). It makes a really cool noise! Notice that you can make different sounds by blowing through different areas of the instrument, blowing harder or softer. To change the pitch, slide the straws closer together or farther apart. Experiment to find out how many different sounds your harmonica can make.

OVERVIEW

Make beautiful music with sticks, straws, and rubber bands.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Jumbo craft sticks (2)
- Wide rubber band
- Smaller rubber bands (2)
- Straw
- Scissors
- Markers (optional, to decorate)

ONLINE RESOURCES

- [Instructional Video Link](#)