

## MAGIC MAKE

### Junk Instruments

Many great performers and groups – both in music and in other art forms, like dance-theatre, are known for their use of ‘junk’ instruments – instruments which are not known as musical but rather are household objects, kitchen ware etc.

Some of those artists have had brilliant careers making incredible sounds using these type of made-up instruments – check them out on youtube – musicians like Moondog, The Recycled Orchestra and the group Stomp are a few good examples.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0D0llaj-oow> Lost and Found Orchestra (STOMP)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Nmncnhhs-l&list=RD-MjTNwXKzMc&index=2>  
Recycled Orchestra

This week’s Magic Make is inspired by these ‘Junk’ orchestras to make our own sounds out of household items.

### Materials needed

Cardboard boxes, ruler, rubber band, drinking glasses, glass bottles, a frying pan, pot (with a little water in it), wooden spoons, teaspoons, and any other kitchen ware and household items you think you can make sound with!

### What’s involved

We will explore the different sounds that each of the items can make, looking into how the sound can change with the way of playing.

We will experiment in particular with the way water can be used in pots, glasses and bottles to change the pitch/sound that we can create.

We will use the instruments playfully but safely – taking care especially with things made of glass as these can be fragile.

Lastly, after we have found our favourite sounds, we will improvise to create amazing music using our ‘junk instruments’!