



Children naturally love to play instruments and make music. Children of all ability levels can create simple kazoos and then enjoy making music with them!

Supplies

- ★ Toilet paper rolls or paper towel rolls
- ★ Wax paper
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Rubber bands
- ★ Hole puncher
- ★ Masking tape

Homemade Kazoos

Skills Learned: Experimentation With Sounds, Hand-Eye Coordination, Cause and Effect

Directions

- 1 Punch a hole in a toilet paper or paper towel roll located about 3/4" of an inch from the end of the tube.
- 2 Cut a piece of wax paper large enough to fit over and around the end of the tube.
- 3 Place it over the end of the tube where you punched the hole.
- 4 Secure the wax paper tightly with a rubber band.
- 5 Demonstrate how to "play" the kazoo by placing your mouth on the open end and gently creating sounds.
- 6 Remind the children not to blow forcefully, but to simply hum gently into their kazoo.

This can be a good activity for children with developmental delays because it involves producing sounds by using your vocal cords. Children of different abilities can participate because most can produce sounds, even if they are speech or language delayed.

If some kids have motor delays, a provider can help hold the kazoo to their mouths to play the kazoo. You just need to know what kind of assistance your individual child needs and help them so they can be successful with it.

If you only have one child, make sure to also make a kazoo for yourself and participate with your child in this activity. Older children can help make or decorate the kazoos.

Tips for Mixed Ages:

Infants will enjoy watching and hearing the sound of the kazoo. Toddlers and up and children of different developmental levels will enjoy this activity.

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