

OCEAN DRUM

Number of participants: unlimited

Duration: 5 min

Age Restrictions: none

This craft re-creates a traditional Chinese instrument called the *Bolang Gu*, or pellet drum. This instrument is used in Chinese ritual music and as a children's toy. The pellet drum is double sided with two heads (front and back) and two pellets connected to the sides. It is played by turning the stick between two hands such that the two pellets swing back

Space Requirements:

Craft Table

Supplies:

Plastic plates

Beads, buttons, beans, rice

Glue gun

Activity Instructions

1. Take one plate, right side up and pour about 3/4 cup worth of your beans, rice or beads.
2. Glue around the entire edge of the plate
3. Place other plate, right side down, on top and press together.
4. To play the rum hold it parallel to the ground and tilt it slightly for the filling to make an ocean like sound.