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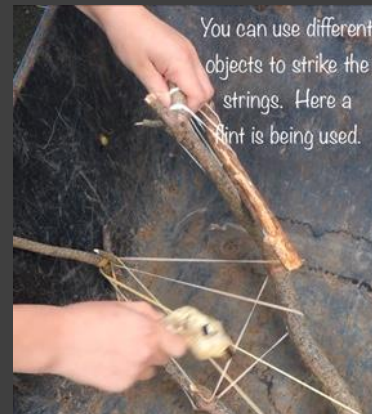
Stick Harps

How to make a stick harp:

You will need:

- Some strong sticks, forked ones are great
- Strong elastic bands
- Large boxes, wheelbarrow or other large containers (optional)

1. Fix the elastic bands around the stick so that they are tight. Move them around until you get some sounds you like. Take care to keep it away from your face in case the sticks or the elastic bands snap!



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2. Gently pluck the strings to play a tune. You could use your fingers or another object like a small stick or a stone. Experiment until you get a sound you like. How can you change the sound?
3. Try placing your stick harp in a bucket, box or wheelbarrow to see what happens to the sound. Why do you think this happens?

What is a harp?

A harp is a string instrument. It can be big or small. It can be part of the string section of an orchestra or played solo. It is part of folk and traditional music in many parts of the world.



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