



## MUSEUM FROM HOME

Art Explorers' Story Hour | February 2021

### Be a Music Maker!

#### Look!

How many people do you see in this painting?

Can you find a musical instrument?

What do you think the boy is thinking about?

#### Learn!

Do you like to listen to music?

Sing a short song. How does the song make you feel?

Have you ever tried to make music? If you have, what did you make music with?

In this painting by Ernest Martin Hennings, we can see a man playing a drum and a boy watching. The painting is called *The Teacher*. What do you think that means? We can guess that it means the man is teaching the boy how to make music on the drum. It looks like the boy is listening carefully. Do you think he is excited for his turn to play the drum? I do!

Music is very important to people all over the world. Music can make us feel all sorts of different feelings. We can use words with the songs to sing our feelings, or we can just use the music to say what we feel.



Ernest Martin Hennings, *The Teacher*, 1928, Oil on canvas, 16 × 20 1/4 in.  
Gift of Sandra Rockwell Herron. 78.962 F.

Do!

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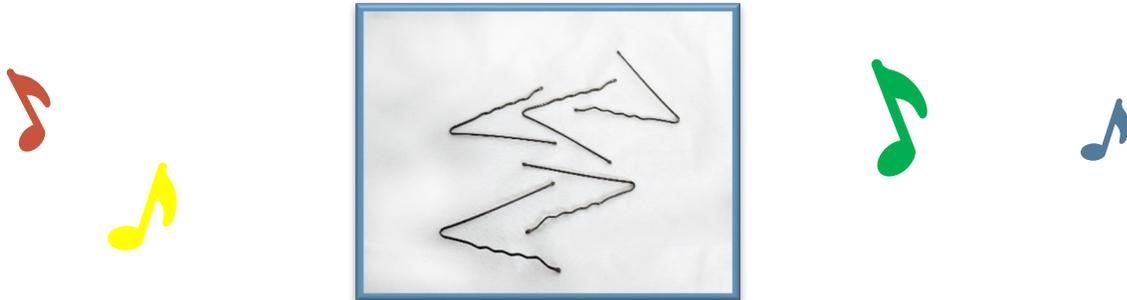
Supplies:

- Gather recycled items; some things you can try are a plastic bottle, a piece of Styrofoam, a foil pan.
- Tape (washi tape or scotch tape)
- Bobby pins or hair clips that you can bend

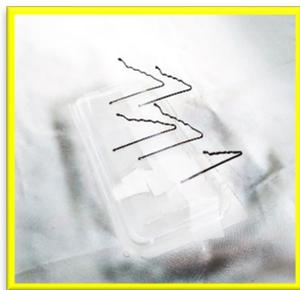


Instructions:

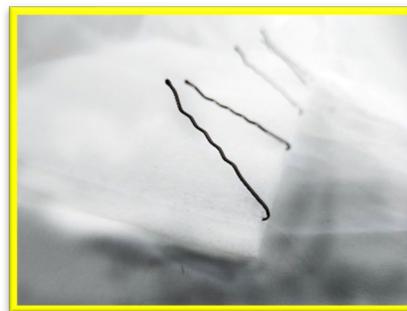
- Open the hairpins by pulling on them. Bend them at least 45° to get a good sound.



- You can tape the hairpins on your recycled item one at a time. If you are using a piece of Styrofoam, don't tape them on – insert them into the foam.  
\*Hint: if you stagger the placement of the pins, they will make different tones.



*Staggered placement*



*Styrofoam*

- Decorate your instrument if you like with markers, stickers, or fabric pieces.  
\*If you use fabric, you will change the sound.
- Play your instrument by using your fingertips.



What kind of sounds does it make? Sing along with your music and be a music maker for your friends and family!