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GRAB N' GO ACTIVITY:
Kleenex Box Guitar

OVERVIEW:

This is a great rainy day activity. Stoke the children's crafty and musical side with a hand-made kleenex box guitar. Time to jam!

MATERIALS:

- Empty Tissue Box (the long kind)
- Empty Paper Towel Roll
- Rubber Bands (Have extras in case they snap!)
- Pencil Crayons, Markers, Stickers
- Tape
- Something To Cut With

EXTRA FUN:

Use coloured rubber bands (make sure the children use one of each colour). Then have them write a song! (Example: blue, blue, red, yellow, blue blue, green). Use different widths to get different sounds.



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Ages: 5 - 10

Time: 20 - 30 minutes

PROCEDURE:

Step 1. Cut around the edge of the opening to get out the plastic that the tissues come through. This will make it easier to strum.

Note - If you're doing this with a small child, make sure you do all of the steps that require use of the knife/scissors.

Step 2. Now you're going to be making a hole in the box for the neck/paper towel roll. Go to one of the small sides of the box, and put your paper towel roll on top. Use your marker to trace around the roll, and then cut out the circle.

Step 3. Now, just insert the neck into the hole about 2 inches. If there is much space around the neck, and it doesn't stay well, stick tape around it to help stop it from sliding.

Step 4. Now you can add the strings, just put a rubber band around the box, one on each side of the neck. You can also put one straight in the middle by cutting halfway through the neck right at the base, sliding a rubber band into the slit, and taping over the where you cut. (You can go ahead and play it now)

Step 5. Here are a few extra things you can do to make your guitar even better!

1. Add bridges with folded up paper and tape.
2. Make different tones using different types of rubber bands.
3. Add space for strumming by cutting about a cm more off the bottom of the main hole.