



MUSICAL GAMES TO CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD

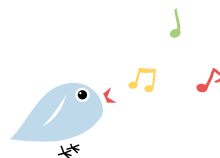
#GadgetFreeHour activities for children

As children grow up, it is important to expose them to all kinds of music. Music nurtures all aspects of a child's growth, including motor skills, language, intellect and sensory and socio-emotional development. Learning how to play musical instruments can also help them structure their thinking and learn discipline.

Music is also an excellent way for families to bond. Today, gadgets have taken over our lives and we often forget to spend time with each other. Imagine putting away your laptops and mobile phones for some time and having a family karaoke night or playing Antakshari together. What better way to connect with your family and introduce the joy of music to your little ones?

We have curated a bunch of musical games and activities to help you connect with your children. These are fun, interactive and the perfect way to discover the magic of music together as a family.

LET'S MAKE MUSIC!



- Gather a few items from around the house that can be used as musical instruments- a bucket, a bowl, a box, an empty milk carton or a bottle
- Give all the family members wooden or plastic spoons and ask them to tap each item and discover different sounds
- Now start creating sound patterns on the new instruments. Lead the pattern and get your children to follow. For instance, if A, B and C are different sounds, try these patterns:

AABAAB

AABBAABB

AABCCAABCC



MOVE TO THE BEAT

- Clear up some space in your home to create a dance floor
- Play the family's favorite songs and start dancing
- You can add props like hats, balloons, scarves, balls, frisbees, etc., to add more fun to the dance session



MUSICAL GLASSES

- Give each family member a glass and ask them to fill them with different levels of water
- Now get everyone to tap each glass gently with a spoon
- Ask everyone to listen to each sound and how they differ from each other. They can add or reduce the water levels to experiment with the sound
- Now play a note on a keyboard or piano and ask everyone to adjust the water levels in their glasses to replicate the sound



KARAOKE TIME!

- Get the whole family to come together for this one
- Play Karaoke tracks of your favorite songs and sing along

GUESS THE TUNE

- Play the first 30 seconds of a song track
- The family has to guess the song and sing the rest of it

CREATE A FAMILY BAND

- Each family member gets to pick an instrument. It can be a drum from pots and pans, a bottle filled with rice/beans, your child's rattle or xylophone, a guitar or keyboard if you have one, or even just clapping hands
- Now pick a song and play it together
- Don't forget to find a cool name for your band!



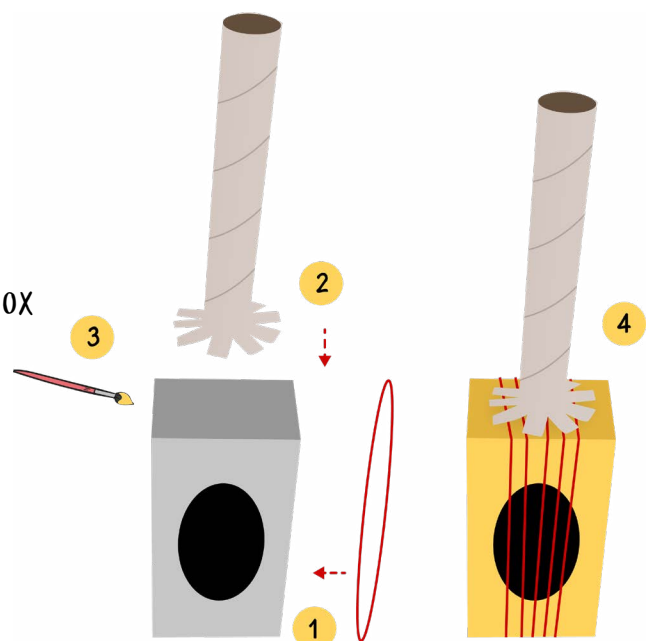
DIY GUITAR

You will need:

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| • An old tissue box | • 4 Rubber bands | • Glue |
| • A cardboard tube | • Scissors | • Paints of your choice |

Method

- Take an old tissue box and wrap 4-5 rubber bands around it
- Cut slits on one end of the tube, flatten them out and stick the tube to the tissue box
- Let your child have fun painting the box and the tube
- The DIY guitar is ready! Get your child to play the instrument and discover the new sounds





KNOW YOUR MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

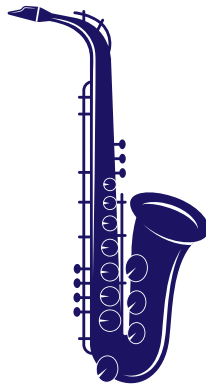
Does your child know what a violin looks like? Download this sheet with images of musical instruments and play a game of musical quiz with your child. Hide the names of the instruments and get her to guess what they are. This is a great way to spend time away from gadgets while learning something new! It is sure to get your little one curious about musical instruments and inspire her to learn more about them!



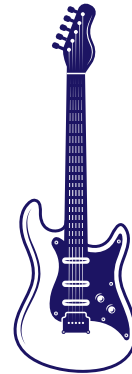
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



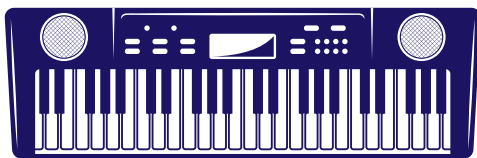
Violin



Saxophone



Guitar



Keyboard



Drums





LEARN THE KEYBOARD AND PLAY RHYMES

If your child is interested in music, the keyboard is one of the best instruments to introduce him to. Here is an easy visual guide for beginners to learn how to play a keyboard.



Won't it be wonderful if your child can play her favorite rhyme on the keyboard? Here is a little help. Watch her squeal in delight when she gets the tunes right with these two all-time favorite rhymes.



START YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY

C	C	G	G
Baa	baa	black	sheep
A	A	A-A	G
Have	you	any	wool?
F	F	E	E
Yes	sir	yes	sir
D	D	C	
Three	bags	full	



G	G	G	F-F
One	for	the	master
E	E	E	D
One	for	the	dame
C	G	G	F-F
And	one	for	the little boy
F	E	E	D
Who	lives	down	the lane!

Happy birthday (play with your favorite voice)

G G	A G	C	B	G G	+G E	C	B A
Happy	birthday	to	you	Happy	birthday	dear	Name
G G	A G	D	C	F G	E C	D	C
Happy	birthday	to	you	Happy	birthday	to	you

Note : +C means C note of the next octave



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To know more about musical instruments and how to play them, visit <https://yamaha.io/3oT6y6G>

