
Subject: Homemade Instruments

Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 18:12:22 GMT

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Posted by [EK Sound](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 18:57:36 GMT

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I prefer pop cans for shakers, but glass will give you a different sound. Rice, or any dried grain / legume will make good shaker fill.

David.

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Posted by [rick](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 19:14:23 GMT

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kicking a dead horse emulates a punchy kick sound...but you've got to have the right boots on.

a coke whore in withdrawal can give you that glass bottle weeeeeoooh sound.

the president of iran can sound like a braying ass...though i don't know how musical that will sound.

a ruler and a nun...well you've heard the stories.

feed 50 guys beans and you've got a pipe organ...sort of...

knuckle cracking always gets a reaction.

tell your wife your having an affair and record the thrown stuff hitting the stationary stuff...then say "just kidding".

goto a nursing home and record a wheezing geezer...now that's musical.

if your interested i'm sure i can think of a few more.

On 29 Sep 2007 04:12:22 +1000, "John" <no@no.com> wrote:

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 20:10:42 GMT

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Building a cajon would be a relatively easy and rewarding project. If you have a dead goat, you can string the toes together and make a very nice clicking sort of instrument. A film can with beans or rice is a nice shaker.

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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Fri, 28 Sep 2007 22:43:56 GMT

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If you want the "pipe organ" effect, you must also serve varying sizes of macaroni at the same meal!!!

;-)

Jeff

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Posted by [Nei](#) on Sat, 29 Sep 2007 01:21:31 GMT

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If you're talking about percussion & such, try Google-ing something along the lines of Native American instruments or Native American percussion... I recorded a Native American artist called Knifewing years ago, and - this is kinda weird, a total dichotomy in a way - we looped recordings he had made of tribal Shaman chants & percussion, etc. His recordings (and they were on cassette, but they were pretty clean) were of people playing instruments consisting of a turtle shell with beads inside it, a gourd with dried peas inside, a wooden box with deer ligaments stretched over a rudimentary soundhole... pretty cool! We looped 'em using a TC-2290 for stuff that worked better mono (we had the 7-second sampling option on that unit), and also using a 2-track 1/4" for the stuff that really needed to be stereo the old-fashioned way (using a pencil to tension the outside of the loop lol!). Ancient sound-generating techniques, looped by 20th-century technologies! lol

Anyway, it's a really natural, mellow/ethereal sound if you can look up & use those kind of materials... some of it might be hard to find (turtle shells), and some if it will take some preparation.... ok, so you didn't say "easy-to-make" homemade instruments.

Seriously, look into it... might be interesting to you, depending on the style of sound you're going for.

Neil

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Posted by [rick](#) on Sat, 29 Sep 2007 09:04:45 GMT

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you're absolutely right!

On Fri, 28 Sep 2007 15:43:56 -0700, Jeff Hoover <jkhoover@excite.com> wrote:

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