

# FIG at Home

## RATTLE DRUM

According to the Chinese zodiac, 2021 is the Year of the Ox. Let's welcome in the New Year with a festive beat!

### MATERIALS

- 2 paper plates
- Paint (red & gold/yellow are lucky colors)
- Year of the Ox template (included)
- Wooden dowel or chopstick
- 2 wooden or plastic beads
- Glue or glue stick
- Scissors and stapler
- String
- Tape

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Paint the back side of the plates, and let them dry completely.
2. Print out and color the Year of the Ox template. If you want to make your own design, skip to Step 4.
3. Cut out the Year of the Ox images, and glue them to the face of each plate.
4. Cut two pieces of string 2 inches shorter than the plate diameter.
5. Tie a knot on one end of each string that is big enough to keep your beads from falling off.
6. Add one or two beads to each string and set them aside.
7. Tape a wooden dowel (or a sturdy straw or chopstick) to the inside of one plate. Align it to your image on the other side so your design is not upside down when holding the drum.
8. Tape the strings to each side of your plate.
9. Attach the second plate to the first one using staples. A hot glue gun or tape will also secure the plates together.
10. Time to make some noise! Twist the wooden dowel between your hands to hear the beat of your new drum.



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