

# Play and learn activities- Music

Try refraining from asking your child “what colour is this, count how many etc.” which can place great pressure on your child to respond. Your child will respond to your comments on the activity when they want to or feel confident to do so. This communication might be with **eye contact, touching you, continuing with the activity, vocalising or saying what they see.**



Make a tin guitar. Using a bread or cake tin or cereal box, stretch elastic bands across the tin.

As you stroke them they will make a special sound. Strum/stroke the bands as you sing your favourite nursery rhyme.



Tin can drum: Cut the bottom off a balloon.

Stretch it across the top of an empty open tin can.

Secure the balloon with an elastic band.

Tap the balloon covering with your fingers or sticks.

Using the inside cardboard tube of a kitchen roll or tin foil or toilet roll, attach small bells using thread and sticky tape.

Shake the tube to hear the bells ring!

What songs could you sing while you are playing?



Castanets: Cut out a rectangle of card. (use an old cereal or storage box) Fold card in half.

Stick two metal jam jar lids on the inside of the folded card.

Squeeze them together quickly to make a clacking sound.