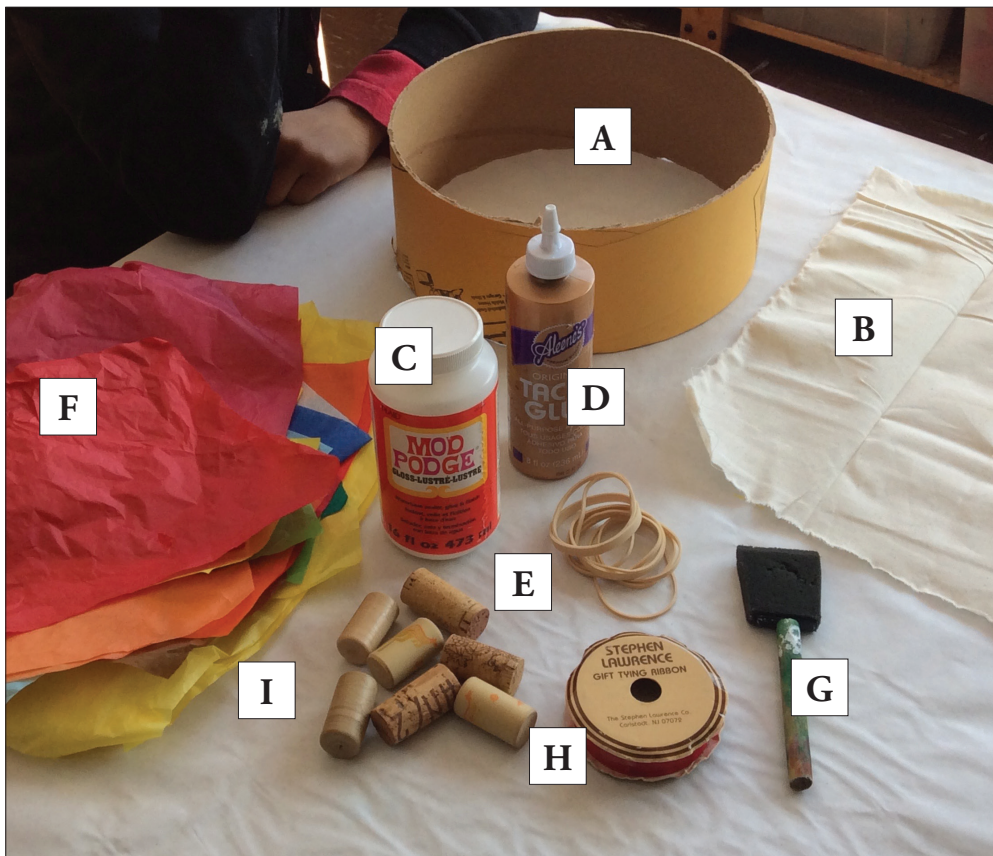


HOW TO MAKE A DRUM



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Materials you will Need...

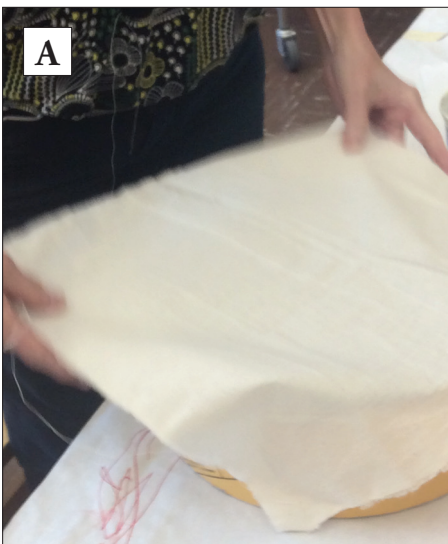


- A. **QUIKRETE** —10" Quik-Tube 48-in Concrete Tube Form, cut into 4"-5" sections
(Item # 179135 Model # 692202)
- Oat Meal / Coffee Containers** or **Cookie Tins** can also be used.
- B. **Duck Cloth or heavy muslin**
(available at Walmart or Joann)
- C. **Mod Podge**
- D. **Tacky or Elmer's Glue**
- E. **Rubber Bands**
- F. **Tissue Paper or Fabric**
- G. **Sponge Brush**
- H. **Ribbon** *(for finishing)*
- I. **Wine Corks** *(for the feet)*
- J. **Scissors** *(not pictured)*
- K. **Hair dryer** *(not pictured)*
- L. **Clamp** *(not pictured)*
- M. **Utility knife** *(not pictured)*



Step 1

- A. Apply a generous amount of glue to the top edge of the cardboard form, about an inch down.
- B. Let the glue sit a bit to become slightly tacky.



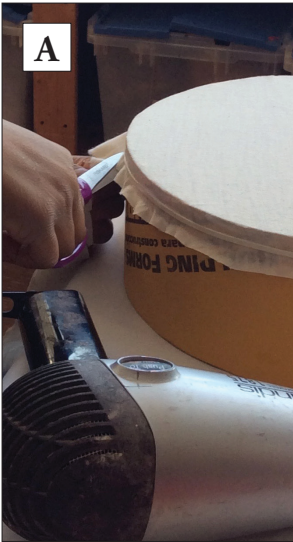
Step 2

- A. Lay fabric over cardboard form
- B. Smooth muslin down over glued area. Add 2 rubber bands and pull muslin taut.



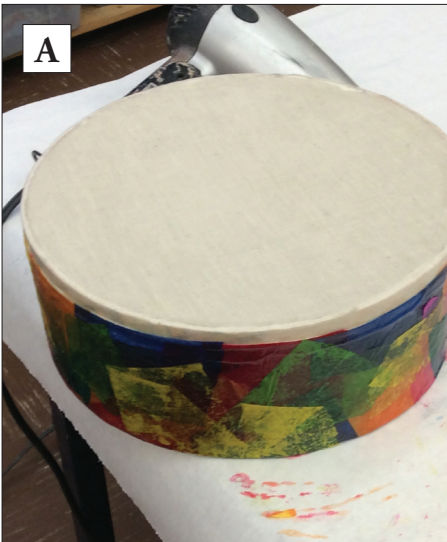
Step 3

- A. Apply a generous amount of glue between the top edge of the cardboard form and the rubber band, about an inch down, over the muslin.
- B. Smooth out the glue and let dry.
- C. Use a hair dryer to dry the glue—before you apply the Mod Podge. This will help keep the tension on the muslin.



Step 4

- A. Trim the excess fabric, as close to the rubber band as you can.
- B. Generously apply the Mod Podge using the sponge brush.
- C. Use the hair dryer to dry the Mod Podge so you can touch without it feeling tacky.
- D. Repeat this process at least 5 times. I did two of the applications on the underside of the muslin.



Step 5

- A. With the torn pieces of colored tissue paper, use the Mod Podge to apply tissue paper to the body of the drum creating layers of pattern and the blending of colors until you like the pattern.
- B. Glue a piece of ribbon or rope to cover the line created by the muslin and tissue paper. This will finish the look of the drum.



Step 6

- A. Using the wine corks, cut them in half using a utility knife. Be very careful, the cork can roll out as you cut them. You might want to use a clamp to anchor them as you cut them.
- B. After dividing them into halves you want to add a groove in the top, apply a generous amount of glue into the groove and put drum edge into the groove.



Design Option 2

- A. Using a piece of fabric 10.25" x 4.25" and tacky glue to apply the fabric.
- B. First spread the glue on the outside of the drum in manageable sections.
- C. Next add the fabric to the drum base. Repeat adding the glue and smoothing the fabric over the drum base until you have covered the entire base with the fabric.
- D. Tuck the excess fabric and glue to the inside of the drum. Then add the ribbon as in step 5 to finish the look of the drum.

Some examples of African drums...



Dundun

Nigeria

Metropolitan Museum of Art drummingcircle.com

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Djembe

Mali

drummingcircle.com

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Sakara

Nigeria

National Music Museum

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Gumbe

Sierra Leone

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