



RECYCLED TIN BAND

Materials you need:

- A collection of different sized tins.
- Different items to use as drumsticks – small sticks, spoons, hands.
- A device to record the music the children make (optional).

Setup for play:

- Turn the tins upside down and arrange in different areas around a mat or on the grass.
- Put down a basket or tray of the 'drumsticks' and encourage the children to create their own music using just the drums.
- Record the sounds and play back to the children. Talk about fast and slow, loud and soft, different sounds made by different sized tins and different sticks.
- What else could you use (outside or inside) to make music in your band?
- What else could we use these tins for? How could we make them look different?

What are they learning with this activity?

As the children make music with their tin can drums they are learning to:

- Use hand/eye coordination skills and increase their spatial awareness
- Develop new vocabulary and language skills
- Recognise symbols and how things can represent other things
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Challenge their sense of touch and sensory processing
- Express themselves creatively
- Manipulate objects to explore motion, cause and effect
- Manipulate equipment and real life tools with increasing competence
- Make decisions about the materials they want to use and what works best.
- Listen and respond to sounds and patterns in music and speech

Extending the play:

- Wrap the tins in twine, roll the tins in the paint and then roll on paper to create patterns.
- Encourage the children to choose a tin and paint then fill with potting mix and plant a flower or vegetable seedling to take home and look after.

