

Make Your Own Pan Flute

A pan flute is a musical instrument made from multiple pipes of gradually increasing length. These pipes can be made from bamboo, reeds, wood, metal, or even plastic. Pan flute players blow into the pipes, and each one produces a unique note because of the varying tube lengths. There are different kinds of pan flutes played throughout the world. This instrument is often featured in Peruvian traditional music, and in Andean music styles, the flute is called a *siku*. In Thailand, musicians play a type of pan flute called a *wot*, while in Romania, the instrument is called a *nai*. The pan flute is popular around the globe, with variations spanning diverse cultures and music styles.



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What you'll need:

These supplies are provided in your activity bag

- 5 straws (note that the straws are compostable!)
- A ruler
- A piece of cardstock paper

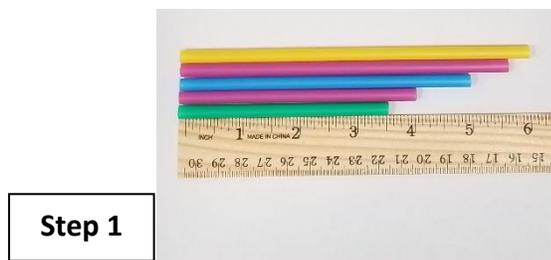
These supplies are not provided in your bag

- Scissors
- Tape

Pan Flute Craft Activity Instructions

Instructions:

1. Using the ruler and scissors, measure and cut each of the five straws to the following lengths:
 - Straw 1 - 6 inches
 - Straw 2 - 5.5 inches
 - Straw 3 - 5 inches
 - Straw 4 - 4 inches
 - Straw 5 - 3.5 inches



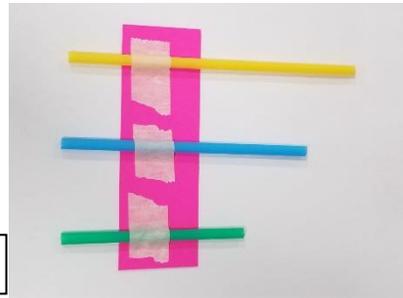
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2. Cut two strips of cardstock to 5 inches x 1.5 inches.
3. Take one piece of cardstock and lay it flat.
4. Place the longest straw on the left end of the cardstock and secure it with tape. Make sure you leave room between the edge of the paper and the straw and that the straw is hanging about 1 inch over the edge.
5. Place the shortest straw on the right end of the tape and align it with the longer straw so that the same length of straw is hanging over the edge. Secure it with tape.
6. Next place the middle length straw right in the center, align it with the end of the other straws, and secure it with tape.

Steps 2 - 6

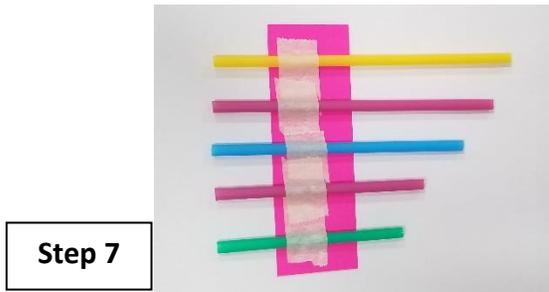


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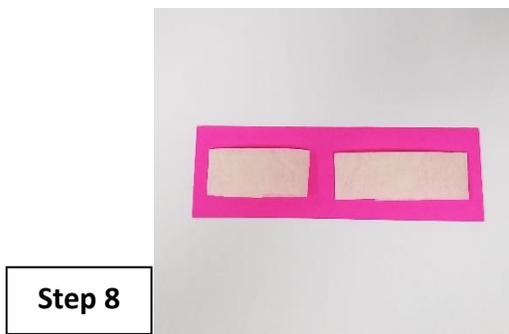


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7. Place the remaining two straws in between the straws you've taped down so that they are arranged in order of height. Align them so that all the ends of the straws line up. Secure the straws with tape.



8. Take the remaining piece of cardstock, and fold pieces of tape along the inside.



9. Place the piece of cardstock on top of the straws and align it with the other piece of cardstock. Press down firmly.

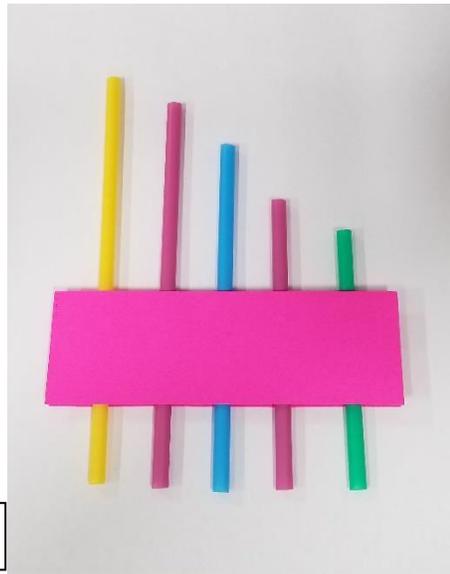
Tip: For an extra secure pan flute, you can tape the ends of the cardstock together.

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10. Make sounds with your flute by resting the ends of the straws on your lower lip and blowing. Move your mouth across the line of straws and blow to produce different notes.
 11. Enjoy your pan flute!



Step 9

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