

CLAP STICKS

Clap sticks are also known as music sticks or tapping sticks. They are made of various woods and decorated with burnt wire markings or paintings.

Clap sticks are a percussion instrument. When the two sticks are tapped together they make a sound. They can come in many sizes and both males and females may use them.

They are often played together with the didgeridoo.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Variety of coloured paints
- Paint brushes
- Thin sticks for dot painting
- Egg carton to put the paint in
- Lengths of dowel
- Smooth branches or dowel



Paint the dowel in a plain colour such as a variety of browns or black or try mixing the colours for a wood look.

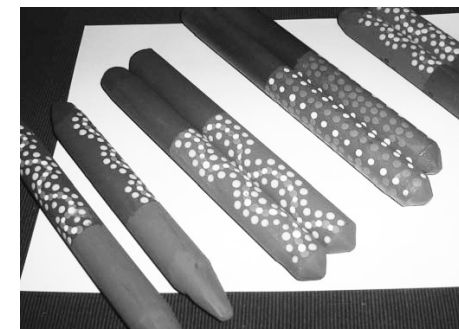
You can also paint one half one colour and the other half another colour.

If someone has a grinder, the edges could be shaved off to make it pointed.



To make it easier for painting, paint most of the sticks, and then place into the bottom of an egg carton to dry.

When dry turn them upside down and finish painting the other end.



When the sticks are dry, you can decorate the sticks by drawing on designs.

To help children make designs, you can use a pencil marking the sticks, and then paint the pattern over.

This will make it easier for children to follow a pattern.

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