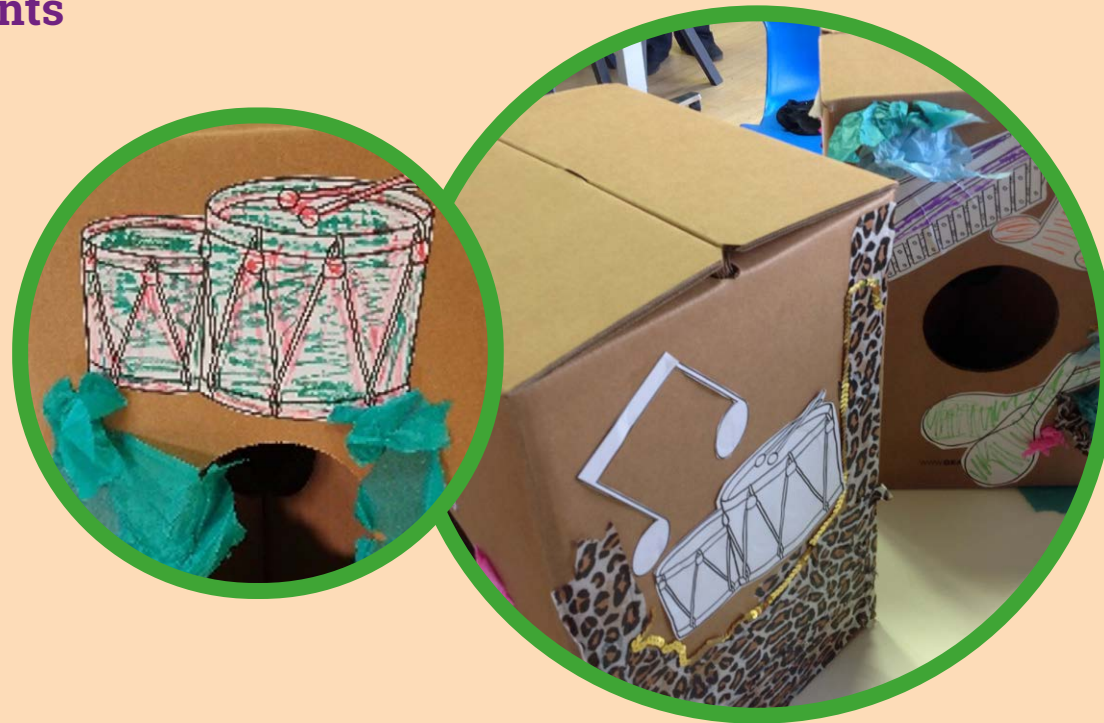


# Bring **more you** to music!

## What are we doing?

### Decorating musical instruments



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## Why are we decorating musical instruments?



- ★ **Help bring your identity to your instruments** – choose your favourite colours, textures, pictures.
- ★ **Discover how art and music go together** – print your favourite album covers, explore the iconic images/culture of punk, disco, folk and many more, learn about the artists behind the art
- ★ **Encourage decision making**, expressing preference, explore communication styles, engage the senses to increase wellbeing.

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## What do we need?

- ★ Anything sticky – glue, Sellotape , blue tac
- ★ Anything that makes you happy – glitter, sequins, crinkly paper, colourful card, pens, pencils, paint, album covers, badges, pasta shapes, flower petals... recycle old birthday cards, magazines... the sky is the limit!
- ★ Anything that makes a sound.  
The pictures in this resource show a Bop Box, a cardboard Cajon drum, being decorated, but you can use anything you like...

Here is an idea for a shaker using an old plastic container and some stones:



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## Shall we get started?



### 1. Gather all your materials together and explore them

- ★ How do they feel?
- ★ Can you pick your favourites?

Top Tip: Enjoy exploring decision making: use trays to make choices accessible and portable.

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## 2. Put some music on!

You can choose one type of music or simply listen to your favourites.

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### 3. Get decorating!

Being led by your instrument-decorator, let them pick, tear, stick, draw, paint however they choose.

### 4. Let it dry

– place it somewhere safe and let it dry.

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## 5. Explore your personalised instrument –

- ★ How does it feel now?
- ★ Does it sound different?



A big thank you to the students of Chatsworth Futures College who decorated their Bop Boxes so beautifully.