

# A Musical Revolution

During the American Revolution, armies needed a way to communicate, as cell phones hadn't been invented yet! To combat this, soldiers would play the high-pitched fife and low-pitched drum instruments as a means of delivering orders. Most musicians were people either younger than 16 years old or older than 50 years old, and, in addition to delivering military commands, would play music for daily routines, marching, and ceremonies. As you can see, revolutionary Americans were quite the musicians!

**Follow the directions below to create your own drum!**

## Step 1

Cover a small container, such as a coffee can, with construction paper. You can add additional details however you like!



## Step 2

Remove the lid and replace with a piece of plastic or fabric, tying the material with a rubber band or string.



## Step 3

Play your new drum with pencils, spoons, or your hands!

