

NATIVE AMERICAN DRUM ARTS AND CRAFTS ACTIVITY

Well done for learning about the tribes of Gad and Reuben! Learn how to make this drum our family from the tribe of Gad would use!



Supplies:

- Empty oatmeal container
- White copy paper
- Tape (I used packing tape and it worked really well)
- Yarn in three colors
- Watercolors
- Glue
- “Stuff” to glue on (googly eyes, scraps of paper, pom poms, lace, etc.)
- Scissors

Preparation Instructions:

- Cover the oatmeal container with white copy paper using the tape to secure it in place. Mine didn't go all the way to the bottom of the container and I decided not to worry about it. I figured if it really bothered H, she could glue pom poms down there. She didn't even notice though!
- If you're working with a younger child, go ahead and cut the yarn long enough to hang around their neck (about three') and braid it.
- Use scissors to poke holes in the sides of the oatmeal container where you'll be threading the yarn through.

Step by step instructions:

- Give your child the oatmeal container and the watercolors. Let them paint to their heart's content!
- When they're bored of painting (or they've covered the entire surface) wait about 15 minutes and let the paint dry. Then give them the glue and the "stuff" to glue on. I could have shown H an example and she would have followed it, but I decided to let her be creative on her own. The result was a cute little face glued on the opposite side of the painted side. She was pretty proud of herself for that one!
- When glue is dry, use your scissors to poke the ends of the braided yarn through the holes on the sides of the oatmeal container. Tie the ends together inside the container.
- Put the lid on the drum and let your child play to their heart's content!

Source: [Musical Crafts for Kids: How to Make a Native American Drum -](#)