

# How to make...a Musical Clarinet

## Craft



Suitable for ages 7+ with adult supervision

### For this craft, you will need:

- A party blower (for the music)
- A cardboard tube. **\*Must be wide enough to fit the party blower inside and for it to fully unravel and play when blown. A wrapping paper tube should work. Trim to desired length.**
- Black card or thick paper
- A pale coloured pencil, that will show up on black card
- 2 x round objects (1 bigger & 1 smaller) to create cone-shaped end
- Scissors
- Pritt-stick
- Black paint and a paintbrush or Black Tissue Paper, to cover cardboard tube
- Silver or gold paper for buttons and details
- Masking tape



Let's create this playable Clarinet craft to create your own music!

You may need to ask a grown up to help you with this craft.



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### Step 1:

Using your pale coloured pencil, draw around your larger round object to create a circle onto your black card/paper.



### Step 2:

Use your smaller object to draw a smaller circle in the middle of your first one.

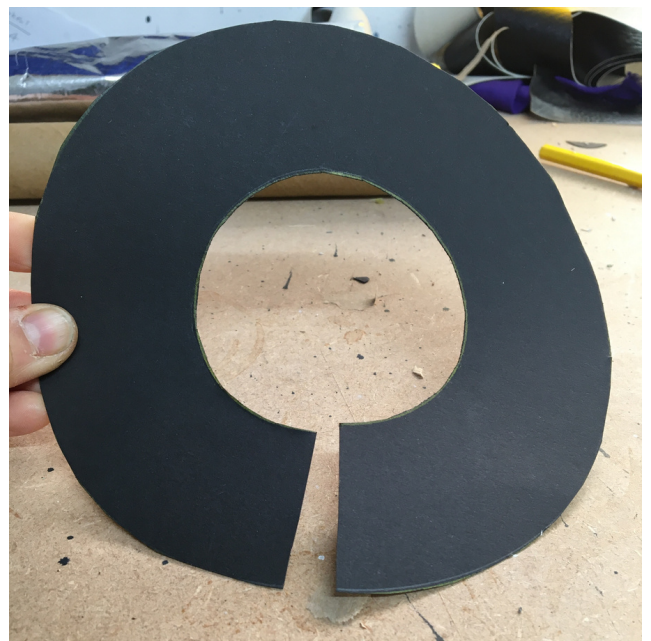
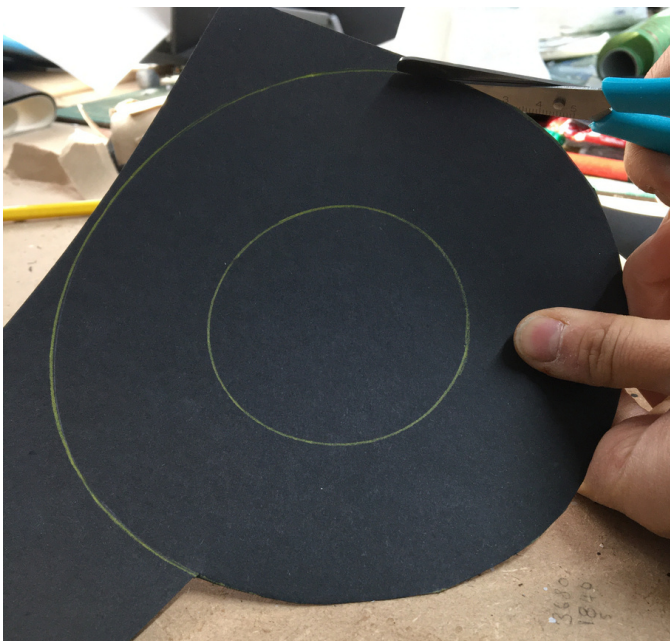
### Step 3:

Carefully cut out the outer circle with your scissors



### Step 4:

Cut a straight line through to the smaller circle and cut out the middle so you have a doughnut shape.

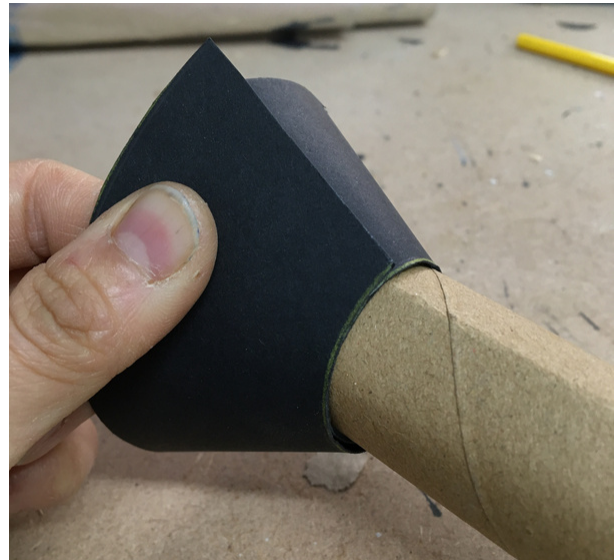
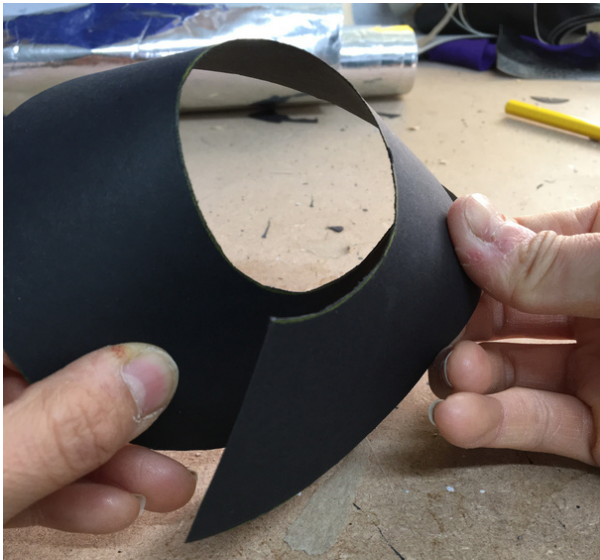




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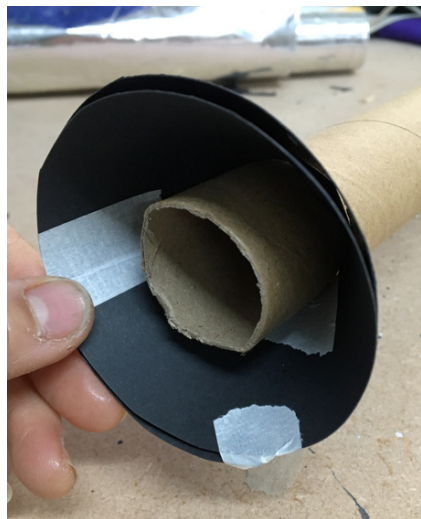
### Step 5:

- Take your doughnut shape and overlap one end over the other and you'll see it start to create a cone shape.
- Keep moving the overlapping side across the other until the cone fits closely over your cardboard tube. Use your cardboard tube to keep testing the size until it's right. **\*You will need an adult to help you with this step as it is quite fiddly**



### Step 6:

- Once the cone is the right size and fits snugly over the cardboard tube, use masking tape to secure the cone in place so that it doesn't unravel.
- Then slip the cone over the end of your cardboard tube and use more masking tape to securely attach in place.



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### Step 7:

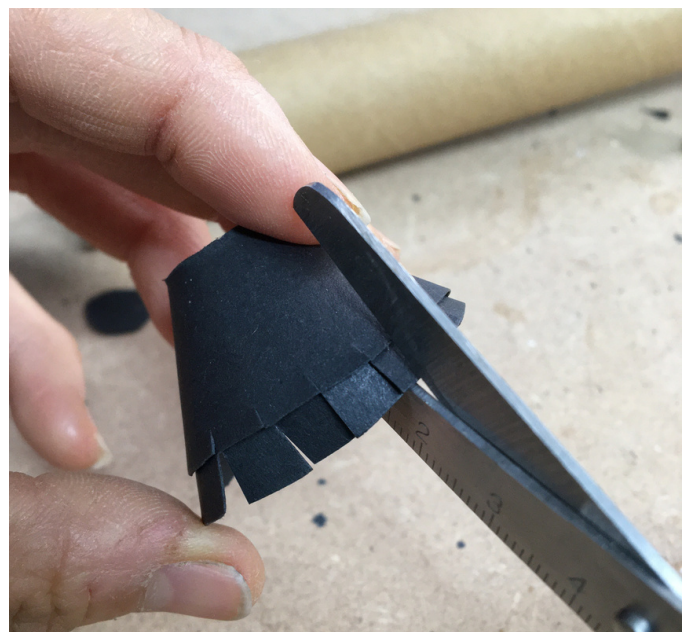
- The simple way of attaching the party blower is to use the masking tape to secure it inside the cardboard tube. Make sure the party blower still unravels when blown. This means attaching it inside the tube with the curled part facing upwards.



### Step 8:



- The more complicated way to attach the party blower is to create another smaller cone out of black paper, using the same method as before with a smaller round object. This time it needs to fit around the party blower mouth part. **\*This will be difficult so you will need an adult to help you.**
- Once you have your miniature cone and it is secured with tape, use scissors to make small cuts all along the outer edge, as pictured below. This is so we can secure it more easily to the cardboard tube. **\*You may need an adult to help you with this step.**







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### Step 9:

- Once you have finished the small cone's edge, pop your party blower inside and use masking tape to fix in place.
- Then using your pritt-stick, use lots of glue to coat the other end of your cardboard tube, just the very end of the tube, as pictured below.



### Step 10:

- Then, place the party blower carefully inside the cardboard tube and make sure the cut edge is over the glued part.
- Use your thumb and fingers to wrap around the cut edge of the cone and gently squeeze and hold so that it attaches to the glue. You may have to hold for 15 seconds or more so the glue can dry a bit and it sticks securely.





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### Step 11:

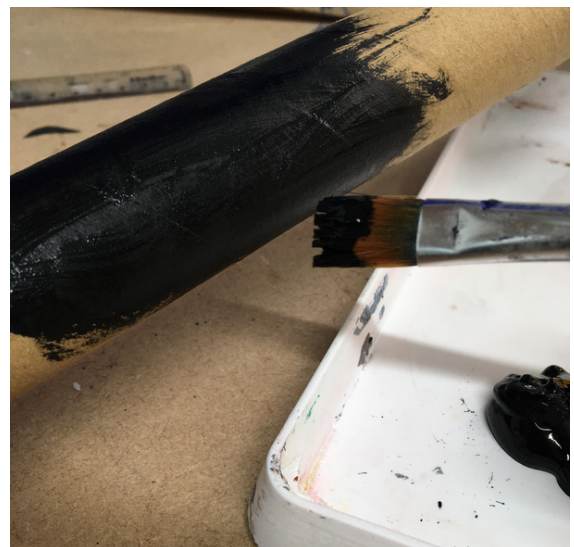
- Use more masking tape to wrap around the join and secure properly.
- Test the party blower and make sure it still plays.
- The more complicated method of attaching the party blower looks nicer and places it in the centre of the tube.



### Step 12:

Next step is to completely cover the tube and any masking tape in black. You can either use black paint and a brush **OR** black tissue paper and your pritt-stick.

- **If painting** - lay down newspaper or plastic sheeting before painting and be careful not to get onto your clothes.
- Once all painted, leave your instrument to dry before moving onto the next step.



- **If covering in tissue paper**- use your pritt-stick to coat the outside of the cardboard tube in lots of glue and carefully lay on the tissue paper before wrap it around. Do this in sections until the whole tube is covered. Cut and glue on smaller pieces of black to cover the masking tape. **You may need an adult to help you as this step is quite tricky!**





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Once your clarinet is completely covered in black paint, or tissue paper, and fully dry we can move onto the next step of decorating!



### Step 13:

- To decorate your clarinet, cut out shapes from your shiny silver or gold paper and glue onto the body of the clarinet.
- Buttons, strips that wrap around and long shapes will make your instrument look realistic and the shiny paper will pop against the black.



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### Step 14:

- Optionally, cut a rectangle of your silver/gold paper and glue it around the mouth piece of the party blower to hide the coloured plastic.



### YOU'RE FINISHED!

Your beautiful clarinet is ready to play! Entertain your family with a jazzy musical number or start a band with your friends - this playable clarinet craft is sure to bring life to the party!



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