

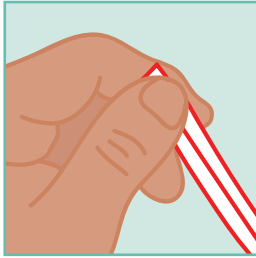
MAKE YOUR OWN OBOE!



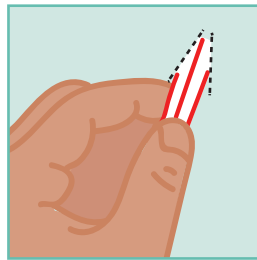
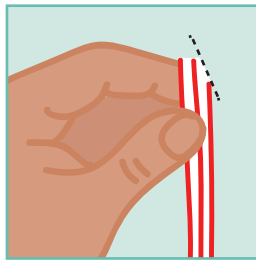
MATERIALS

- Drinking straws
- Scissors

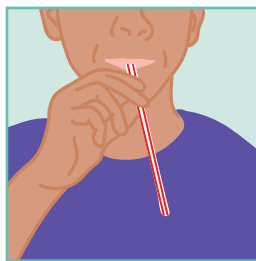
1. Distribute one straw to each student. The straw will need to be straight for this craft -- if there are any bends in the straw, have students cut these off.
2. Instruct students to flatten the tip of the straw on the very end.



3. Have students make two cuts to the flattened end of the straw to form a triangular tip.



4. Tell students to insert the triangular straw tip into their mouth and blow. They may have to experiment with blowing harder or softer and moving the straw in and out of their mouth to make a sound. The two pieces of straw vibrate together to produce sound, just like the double reed of an oboe!



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS:

- ◇ Cut finger holes into the straw with scissors
- ◇ Experiment with different lengths of straw to create different pitches
- ◇ Create a paper “bell” (a cone shape) and attach to the straw with tape to make the instrument louder