

Make an African Style Spin Drum

Inspired by the various designs of spin drums. In Africa, music is an important part of traditional life. It is part of rites and ceremonies where it is performed by specialist master drummers and court musicians.



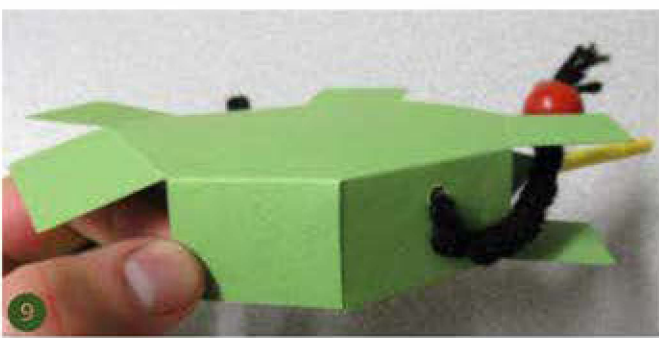
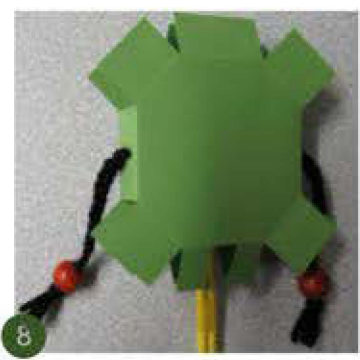
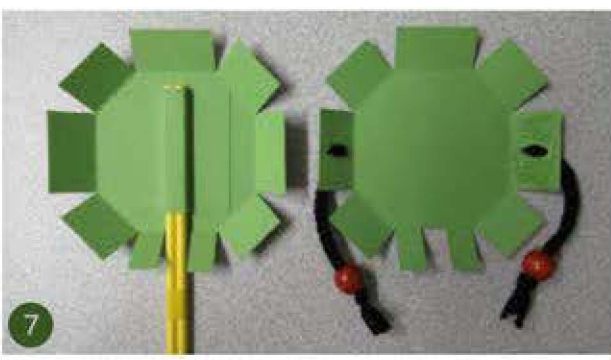
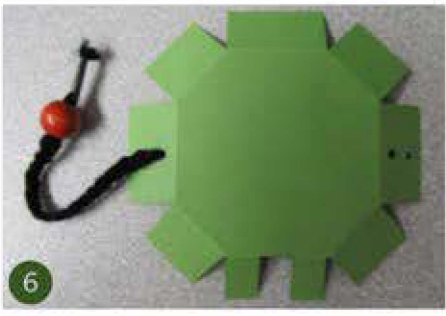
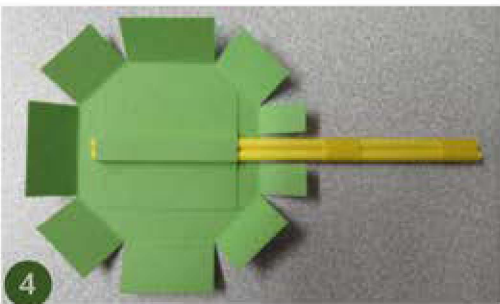
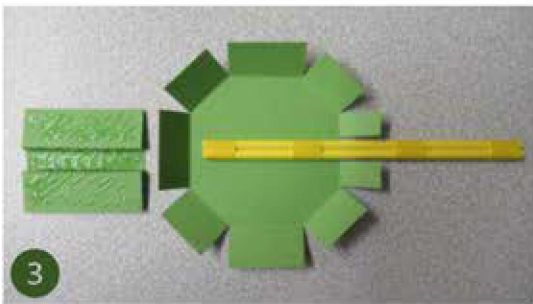
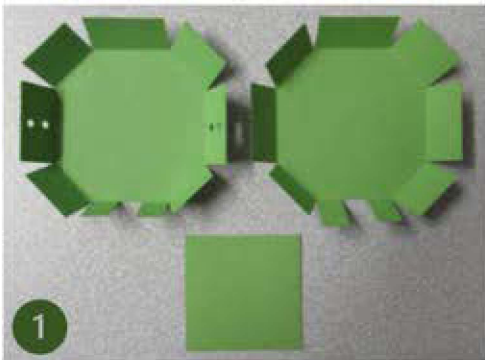
Design your own spin drum!

You will need:

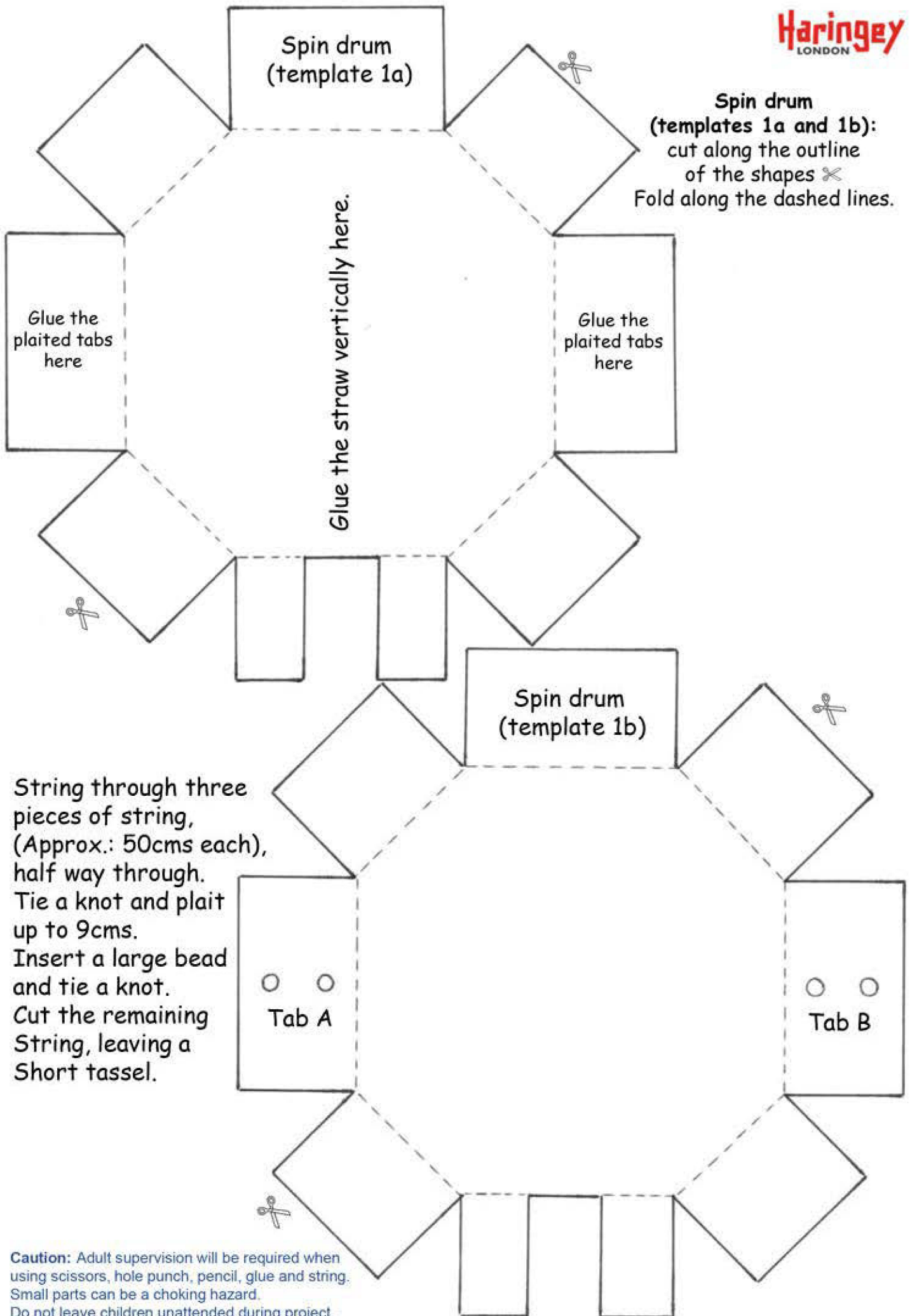
- ❖ The spin drum templates
- ❖ A4 Craft card
- ❖ 2 straws
- ❖ Adhesive tape
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Hole punch
- ❖ All-purpose glue and glue stick
- ❖ Pencil
- ❖ String (approx. 300cms in length)
- ❖ 2 beads (approx. 15mm large)

Caution: Adult supervision will be required when using scissors, hole puncher, pencil, glue and string. Small parts can be a choking hazard. Do not leave children unattended during project.

Follow this step by step guide to make your drum:



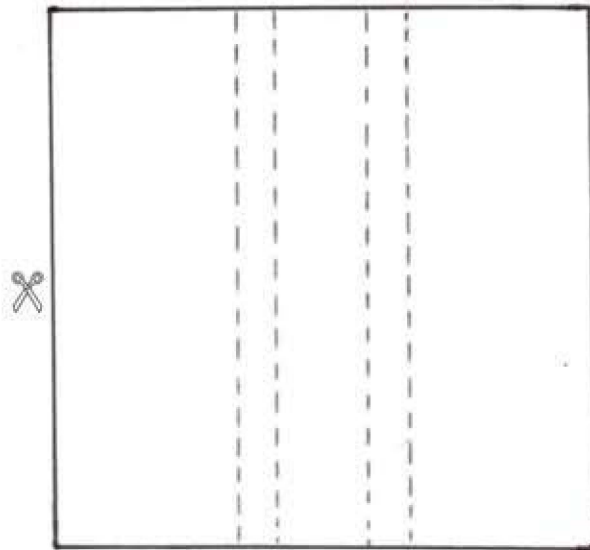
1. Cut along the solid outline of the templates provided. Draw the outline of the shapes on to craft card (or glue the templates on to craft card). Cut around the shapes (see photograph 1). Fold along the dashed lines. The decorative designs can remain in paper format.
2. Pair the two straws and use adhesive tape to bind them together to create a handle (see photograph 2)
3. **Spin drum (templates 1a and 1b):** There are two of this shape. Glue part of the straw handle and attach on to spin drum, template 1a (see photograph 3).
4. **The square straw support:** Adjust the folds according to the size of the straw handle you have. Glue the square support and place on top of the straw handle attached on the spin drum, template 1a. Hold firmly in place to further secure the straw handle (see photograph 4).
5. **Spin drum template 1b:** Pierce the holes on tab 'A' and tab 'B' with a pencil or a hole punch. On tab 'A', string through three pieces of string (Approx. 50cms each), halfway through the holes (see photograph 5). Tie a knot and plait up to 9cms. Insert a large bead and tie a knot. Cut the remaining string, leaving a short tassel (see photograph 6). Repeat the process again on tab 'B' of the spin drum, template 1b.
6. **Putting the spin drum together:** Ensure the plaited, beaded strings are on the outside of the instrument (see photograph 7). Glue tabs 'A' and tab 'B' of template 1b and attach upon the corresponding tabs on template 1a. Hold firm to enable the tabs to stick (see photograph 8). Continue to glue the remaining tabs together all around the drum (see photograph 9).
7. Decorate your spin drum with the decorative designs provided.
8. Holding the straw handle, quickly twist the spin drum back and forth to make a sound.



Spin drum (templates 1a and 1b):
cut along the outline of the shapes ✂
Fold along the dashed lines.

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Straw support (template 2):
cut along the outline of the shapes ✂

Fold along the dashed lines.
Please adjust the folds according to
the size of the straws you have.

Spin Drum Decoration.
cut along the outline of the shapes ✂
This can remain in paper format.

