

How to Make a Crocodile Castanet from Cardboard and Bottle Tops

For this week's animal theme we thought we'd make a crocodile castanet!

You will need...

- Someone to help you – very important!
- Some cardboard. A small cardboard box will do!
- Two bottle tops – these can be either metal or plastic
- A pen or pencil
- Scissors
- Paper
- Glue or Sellotape
- Optional: Paint and pens to decorate your castanet. And googly eyes!

Step One:

Draw a long rectangle on your cardboard. About as long as a 12-inch ruler is a good size. Ask your helper to cut out your rectangle using the scissors.

Step Two:

Decorate your crocodile castanet using paint, pens, or whatever else you have to hand. Maybe try first colouring the whole of one side green, then adding some dots in different places using a different colour. If you have a pair of googly eyes you can stick these on as well. And if you have some paper, ask your helper to cut out different sized triangles, then you can colour them green, then glue them along the top of your castanet like crocodile spikes.

Step Three:

Bend your rectangle in half so that it looks like a mouth. Make sure that the coloured bits of the crocodile castanet are on the outside. Then, using glue or Sellotape, attach one bottle top to the bottom front of the crocodile's mouth and the other bottle top to the top front. When you close the crocodile's mouth they should click together.

Step Four:

You're all done! You play your crocodile castanet by holding it with your fingers on top and your thumb underneath. Snap the crocodile's mouth together to make a biting sound!