ARTMAKING PROJECT | Drumstick!

The first recorded appearance of a drumstick occurred in Asia as early as the 7th century. Modern drumsticks date back to the middle ages when the percussion instruments were used to provide rhythm for musical performances. While there are many types of drumsticks, they all come from the same idea of a simple stick, mallet, or brush used to beat the heads of drums for cultural, ritual, and entertainment purposes.

Make your own simple drumstick with a wooden dowel decorated with markers, fabric and cord. Think about how you will decorate your drumstick to make it unique, what kind of rhythm can you create and what percussion would you play with your drumstick?

MATERIALS

- Stick or wooden dowel
- Fabric, yarn or ribbon
- Tape, markers, pencils
- Scissors
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Step 1

Decorate stick with markers, paint or tape.

Step 2

Wrap two or three layers of fabric around the top of the stick.

Step 3

Use a slightly bigger piece and wrap it around as the last fabric layer and secure it with yarn, ribbon or tape.

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