

Native American Powwow Drum

Supplies:

- An empty coffee or oatmeal canister (with the lid removed)
- One 12-inch by 18-inch craft foam sheet (tan)
- Two sheets of brown construction paper
- Feathers
- Plastic beads
- Twine
- Two wooden skewers
- 2 corks
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Hole punch
- Pencil



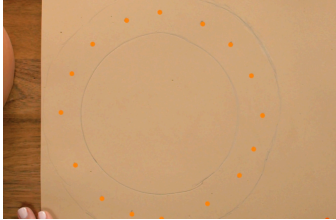
Steps:

	<p>Step 1: Place the canister on top of a piece of brown construction paper, making sure to line up the bottom of the can with the edge of the paper. With a pencil, mark where the can ends. Continue this line across the paper.</p>
	<p>Step 2: Cut along the line and set aside the larger piece. Discard the thinner piece. Next, take a second sheet of construction paper and cut off the same amount.</p>
	<p>Step 3: Apply a stripe of hot glue down one side of the canister and attach one sheet of construction paper to it. Wrap the paper around the canister and secure the end with glue. Repeat the process with the second sheet of paper until the canister is completely covered.</p>
	<p>Step 4: Fold the foam sheet in half and trace the canister's bottom on one half.</p>

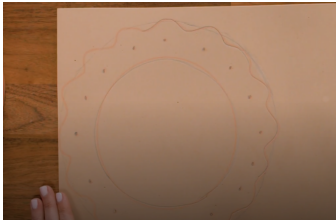




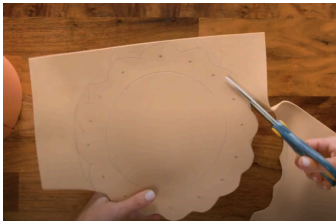
Step 5: Draw a larger circle around the traced circle.



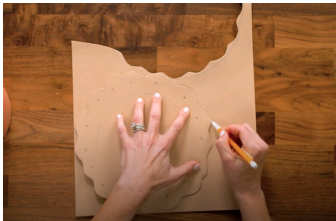
Step 6: Mark 16 evenly spaced dots between the two circles.



Step 7: Draw a wavy line over the outside circle, framing each dot.



Step 8: Cut the foam along the curvy line.



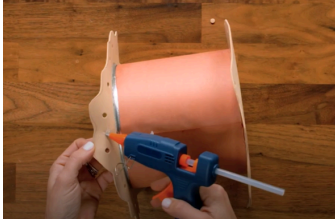
Step 9: Place the cutout onto the other half of the remaining foam. Use it as a stencil, trace around it, and cut it out as well.



Step 10: Punch holes on both cutout pieces where the dots have been drawn.



Step 11: Glue the foam sheet circles to both ends of the canister.



Step 12: Put dots of glue between each hole and press down the foam onto the canister to glue the "hide" to the drum.



Step 13: Wrap a piece of twine tightly twice around the top of the drum and cut, leaving roughly six inches of extra. Repeat on the bottom.



Step 14: Next, weave roughly 13 feet of twine through the drum's top and bottom holes in a "V" pattern and secure them in a knot when you reach the end. Tuck the bottom strings under the top twine and tie in a knot.



Step 15: Glue feathers to each side of the drum at the knots and tie feathers down securely with the excess twine. Add beads to the strings and knot the ends.



Step 16: For the drumsticks, use the sharp end of each wooden skewer to poke a hole in the center of each cork. Add a glue dot to each cork hole and secure a skewer into each cork.



Step 17: Slide beads onto each stick for decoration. Secure with hot glue. Enjoy playing your drum!

How many different Native American tribes are there?

There were countless Native American tribes that lived on America's land for hundreds of years before settlers came to the area. Among the tribes were the Apache, Comanche, Iroquois, Navajo, Pueblo, Seminole, Sioux, and Wampanoag. While each tribe has its own unique customs, drums are a common and significant part of Native American culture. Most tribes use drums to celebrate the earth and foster a connection with one another.

Fun Facts:

- Pocahontas was the daughter of a powerful Powhatan chief who, in the early 1600s, helped deliver messages and food to starving settlers in Jamestown, Virginia.
- In 1620, Tisquantum (also known as Squanto) from the Wampanoag tribe helped the Pilgrims survive by teaching them how to fish, hunt, and grow crops.
- In the early 1800's, Sacajawea helped to guide the famous explorers Lewis and Clark across the West.
- Native Americans made many contributions during some of the United States' biggest wars. In 1778, when George Washington's Continental Army was fighting the British in the American Revolution, about 50 warriors from the Oneida and Tuscarora tribes joined the camps at Valley Forge and ambushed British soldiers. During the Civil War in the 1800s, nearly 200 men from the Delaware Nation volunteered to fight with the Union Army against slavery. During World War II, Navajo Native Americans served as "Code Talkers," using their language as a code to share information and help the U.S. win the war.