Kitchen Band

Bring your kitchen to life!

Materials: Pencils, common household items

Time: 30 minutes

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"Music is organised sound". This is a definition which is sometimes given when people are asked to describe what music "is". The way sounds (usually instruments and voices) are organised can be nice to listen to – or really horrible to listen to. Hopefully the sounds you organise today with your family end up sounding good!

In the previous activity <u>Home Percussion</u>, we looked at using your body items from the kitchen to make a percussion song. Then we used rhythms linked with food words, such as Sweet Po-ta-to, Pur-ple Grapes. Have a look through the other rhythms used with the other fruit and vegetables and teach your family how they go. Let's make a family band!!



Prepare

Gather some items from around your house that you like the sound of. Remember percussion instruments can be either hit, scraped or shaken!

Some ideas might be:

- Flipping the pages of a book with your thumb
- Cheese grater and a metal spoon both hitting and scraping
- Plastic bowl hit with wooden spoon or scraped across the benchtop
- · Tapping a saucepan lid with a chopstick

Compose

List the instruments that you will use and write the rhythms. You can use rhythm notation, food words or rhythm words (ti-ti and ta).

Instrument	Rhythm				
Example: Kitchen Tongs	П	П	П	I	Sweet Potato Pur-ple Grape

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Perform

Teach your rhythms to members of your family. See if you can play them at the same time. Musicians who play in groups will often start everyone off be counting "1, 2, 3, 4" so that everyone can start at the same time.

You might find that your rhythms sound messy played all at the same time – take it in turns to work out which rhythms go together well. It will take some experimenting and getting it wrong before it starts to sound good but making music takes time and effort. Don't give up!

Extend

Once your family members can perform their first rhythm well, teach them another rhythm. As the band leader, you could call on people to play their "A" rhythm or their "B" rhythm. See which combinations of rhythms work best!

Budget

Now that you are a band leader, you will need to look after the money for your imaginary family band.

You need to work out how much your band needs to charge to perform a concert.

There are four members who you would like to pay \$400 each.

There is a roadie who helps you set up all of your kitchen equipment/instruments and you will pay them \$200.

You would like to make \$700 on top of all of your other costs.

How much do you need to charge?

Extend

You have a manager, who takes 20% of what you charge for a concert. How much do you have to pay them?

