
Subject: musical instrument construction kits?

Posted by [jimmys devoted](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 08:33:04 GMT

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Since its coming up towards gift giving time, I was wondering if anyone ever had any experience with those wooden build your own fiddle, dulcimer, guitar kits? julie

Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 20 Oct 2006 17:15:23 GMT

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I'd check with Hurdy Gurdyman (banjos, hurdy gurdies and similar instruments), Paul C (saxophones and reed wind instruments) and Shane (guitars). I'm sure there are others here but those three guys come to mind.

Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?

Posted by [hurdy_gurdyman](#) on Sun, 22 Oct 2006 00:25:25 GMT

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Any particular brand or type of instrument you are interested in? Kits are available for many instruments and at different price and skill levels. Instructions and blueprints for scratch building are also available. It's too wide of a field to comment much on without narrowing it down a bit. Dave

Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?

Posted by [jimmys devoted](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 08:39:48 GMT

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I never realized that it was that vast. I am kind looking for a balalyka, dulcimer, that vulcan looking lap harp, fiddle,

Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?

Posted by [jimmys devoted](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 08:41:12 GMT

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are there kits for a PAn Flute? I am trying to get the ancientinstruments....

Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?

Posted by [hurdy_gurdyman](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 14:53:26 GMT

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Here's a couple of kit companies I have a bit of knowledge of. I haven't built any of these kits, but know people who have and have seen the finished kits.
http://www.musikit.com/http://www.larkinam.com/category.asp_Q_c_E_110The book, Homegrown Music by Marc Bristol, is worth finding. It contains plans and instructions for building several different instruments. The instruments are simplified but fully functional. This is the book that got me started building my own. By building from scratch, you save money and have the wonderful feeling (and bragging rights) of having done it all yourself. Modding is easier on a scratchbuilt instrument for a custom instrument. Here's a link I found to one copy for sale. It's a book from the 70's, so may not be easy to locate at any given time. Check your local library as well.
<http://www.abebooks.com/servlet/SearchResults?sts=t&y=6&kn=musical+instruments&tn=Homegrown+Music&x=81> Whichever way you go, building your own is fun and highly rewarding. Remember, it's just wood. Cutting, fitting and gluing is no harder than building a speaker box, just smaller. If you can cut a small drawn pattern and sand it and glue it, you can build a wooden instrument. Dave

Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?

Posted by [hurdy_gurdyman](#) on Wed, 25 Oct 2006 14:55:51 GMT

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The book I mentioned above has a pan flute in it. Dave

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Posted by [jimmys devoted](#) on Thu, 26 Oct 2006 20:13:59 GMT

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Thank you.....I am an ethnography student and part of my Thesis is to create a whole array of traditional items this will be a big help!julie

Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?
Posted by [hurdy_gurdyman](#) on Fri, 27 Oct 2006 14:17:21 GMT
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Julie, Here's another site you should look at. I have built a few sets of his PVC bagpipes. A lot of ideas here. <http://www.ehhs.cmich.edu/~dhavlena/Dave>
Instruments

Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?
Posted by [jimmys devoted](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2006 02:31:05 GMT
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this one should be a fun project for my daughter and I to do together!

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Posted by [hurdy_gurdyman](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2006 16:48:19 GMT
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Subject: Re: musical instrument construction kits?
Posted by [hurdy_gurdyman](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2006 17:11:56 GMT
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Here's one I've used before, but it's not the one I'm thinking of. http://www.alibris.com/search/search.cfm?qwork=4125833&wauth=David%20D%2E%20Calvert&matches=5&qsort=r&cm_re=works*listing*titleDave
Book

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Posted by [hurdy_gurdyman](#) on Mon, 30 Oct 2006 17:12:30 GMT
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Check this out.<http://www.mimf.com/>
Instrument building forum

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