

# A GUITAR

**Level:** Primary 5th Year (Social Science)

**Time:** 2 sessions

**Materials:**

- ❑ empty tissue box
- ❑ rubber bands
- ❑ paper towel roll
- ❑ scissors
- ❑ tape
- ❑ a drinking straw
- ❑ paint and paintbrush

## St. Vincent



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## FUN FACTS

- ❑ St. Vincent's real name is Annie Clark. She says she took the name from a Nick Cave song, and it was her grandmother's middle name.
- ❑ The American musician is known for her unusual musical style which includes rock, pop and jazz. It's described as 'happiness and madness'.
- ❑ She began playing guitar at 12 and she worked for her aunt and uncle's band after school.
- ❑ She plays many instruments, including the guitar, bass, piano and organ.
- ❑ Her fourth album was named album of the year by many newspapers and music magazines. It won her a Grammy. She was the first female in 20 years to win a Grammy in that category.
- ❑ Two of her songs are soundtracks for *The Twilight Saga* films.



**Basic description:**

During today's session we will create a guitar. We have to tell the pupils in advance to bring the necessary materials, in this case, an empty tissue box, different coloured rubber bands and a paper towel roll, to make their work of art. We will start by presenting St. Vincent. We will ask what they know about this artist. After this short introduction, we will explain the steps to follow.

**Lesson Plan:**

First session: (15 min) Explain and talk to your children about St. Vincent.  
(30 min) Steps 1-2 should be completed in the first session.

Second session: (30 min) Steps 3-5 should be completed in the second session.  
(15 min) Close the session with a game related to the topic.

**Game:**

Play a mime game with the class. Ask a pupil to come to the front of the class and mime a musical instrument. The first pupil to guess the correct answer comes to the front of the class and mimes another instrument. If the class are struggling to guess the instruments, allow them to ask yes/no questions, e.g. *Has it got strings? Is it loud? Do you need to sit down to play it?*

**Learning Outcomes:**

- ✔ Knows words related to musical instruments.
- ✔ Makes three-dimensional works planning the process and choosing the best way of doing it.

Step 1



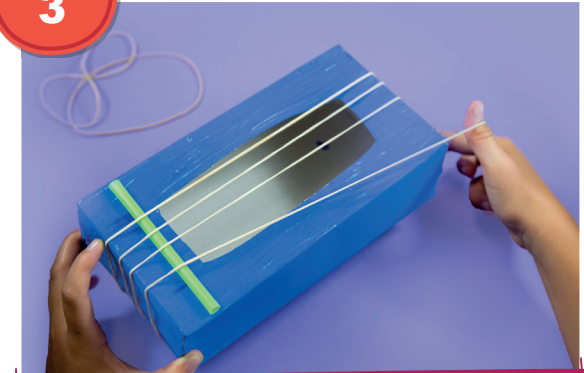
Cut 2cm slits at the bottom of the paper towel roll and bend outwards.

Step 2



Paint the tissue box and paper towel roll.

Step 3



Put the straw next to the opening of the box. Then, put elastic bands across the box.

Step 4



Slide the ends of the paper towel roll underneath the elastic bands to make the guitar handle. Put tape on them if necessary.

Step 5



Play your guitar!