



DRUM LOGO CRAFT

for kids 6-10

Make a decorative replica Inuit drum using simple craft supplies!

This craft idea encourages children to learn about Inuit culture, and helps them to become more familiar with the concepts introduced in the logo by decorating their own 'drum'. In the video from Salvationist.ca, the logo designer Trinity Murphy-Dicker (an Inuk teen from Happy Valley-Goose Bay) explains the meaning of each aspect of her "Every Child Matters" logo.

Watch the video **HERE** with your children before you begin your craft.

Drums are an important part of Indigenous cultures in Canada. They come in many different shapes and sizes. Some are played by one person, and some by several people. In many cases, drumming is traditionally for men and boys only.

The "Every Child Matters" logo is based on the symbol of an Inuit drum. Inuit drums are made of caribou skin (or a synthetic substitute) stretched over a wooden hoop. They are different to the drums found in many other cultures in that drummers use a beater to strike the hard rim (edge) of their drum, not the flat skin surface.

Our craft drums are intended as decorative symbols only. Out of respect for authentic drums and their importance in many First Nations, Inuit and Métis groups, our 'drums' are not intended for (or built to handle) percussion. Children could use their finished crafts to create a wall display, or you could take a photo of the children with their creations to show the corps.

GETTING STARTED

Printable materials included for this craft include:

- the text circle (for plate sizes 8.75" or 10.375"; and solid or outlined text)
- a page with 14 small paper chain people templates
- (optional) feather graphics to cut out.

There are 6 parts of the logo:
an Inuit drum, text, northern lights, trees, people and feathers.



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

(for the drum base)

- paper plates
- large tongue depressors
- x-acto knife (for leader)
- duct tape
- printed text circles
- glue
- colouring pens/pencils (optional)

(for the design)

- printed & cut paper chain people templates
- glue
- scissors
- various leaves (to represent trees)
- feathers (real feathers, stickers or feathers printed and cut out)
- tissue paper (light green, yellow, pink, or a mix)

MAKING THE DRUM

On the front of the plate, put the tongue depressor down in the flat part, and use your x-acto knife to cut a slit in the plate 'wall' just wide enough for the tongue depressor (drum handle) to fit through.

** Leaders should pre-prepare all plates needed with the slits already cut. Depending on the age of your children, you can allow them to place and tape their tongue depressor themselves, or have the drums prepared in advance with the text circles already stuck on.*

Have children push the tongue depressor through about halfway along its length, then use duct tape to secure it on the front of the plate (the back of the plate will be our drum surface).

** Leaders can print the solid letter text circles onto coloured paper, or use the outlined text version so the children can colour the letters.*

Allow children to colour the text in their printed text circles (optional), before cutting out their circle and gluing it to the flat base of the plate (now our drum surface). Older children may want to cut curves around the edges of their plate to mimic the look of the logo design.



HOW TO CREATE THE DESIGN

Northern lights:

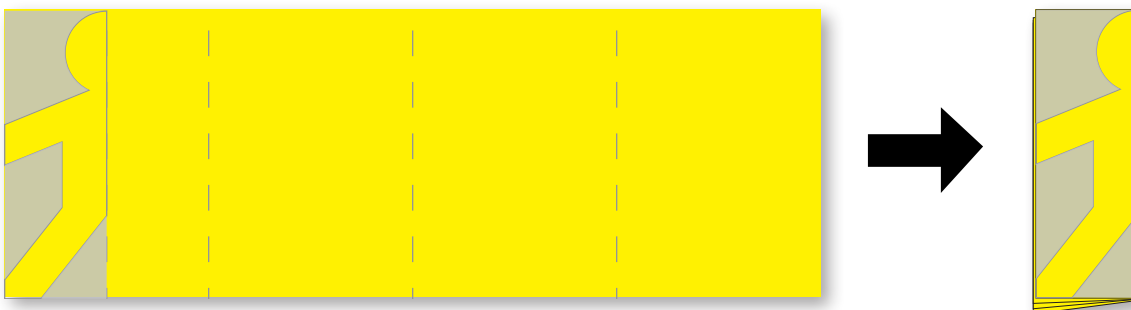
Use accordion folded strips, or overlapping squares of tissue paper to create northern lights, then glue them in the upper part of the space under 'every child'.

Row of people:

Look at your paper chain people template. Holding the person outline side in your left hand, fold the template strip neatly in half by putting the right edge behind the left, and creasing on the line. Carefully do this twice more.

Keeping your folded paper together, cut out the person shape (removing the grey sections), then unfold the paper to see your row of people. Put glue in the lower space above the 'matters' text, then place your row of people onto the glue, and smooth them down (gluing the surface avoids breaking the paper people chain).

** Leaders may have to help younger children with cutting the folded paper. The dashed fold lines are just a guide, and may not match the fold lines exactly.*



Trees:

Glue leaves to your drum to represent the trees. They should be placed on the left of the paper chain people. Trim larger leaves to fit your drum if needed.



Feathers:

Attach two feathers to your drum to represent the eagle feathers. Stick them to the right side of your drum, trying not to cover the text.

You're done!



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