

STRAW FLUTE

The first wind instruments were probably hollow reeds picked and played by shepherds in the fields. You can make a flute with a plastic straw. The very soft or hard straws don't work well. You need a medium stiffness straw. Pinch flat 2-cm at one end of the straw. Cut off little triangles from the corners to form a spear shaped reed. Put the straw deep in your mouth and blow hard.

Later cut three small slits along the length of the straw about 2.5-cm apart. You can play a simple tune by covering and uncovering the holes. Make a long flute. Blow to make sound and simultaneously keep cutting the other end to make the straw shorter and shorter. You will be able to produce many melodious notes!

