



A zither is a musical instrument whose strings go all the way across its body. Zithers come in many shapes and sizes and can be found all over the world!

In Korea, one of the most popular traditional instruments is a zither called a *kayagum*. It typically has 12 strings, though some have 18! This type of zither is called a trough zither because its soundboard is shaped like a trough, or a long, shallow bowl.

Look on-line to see tube zithers, trough zithers, and others. What could you use to make your own?

Zither

We'll be using egg cartons to make our own trough zithers!

1. Decorate an egg carton lid with markers.
2. Choose 3 or 4 rubber bands to be the strings on your zither. Wide rubber bands will make lower sounds, and skinny rubber bands will make higher sounds.
3. Stretch the rubber bands lengthwise around the egg carton lid.
4. Pluck the strings to play your zither!



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