MAKE A DRUM

This craft is modeled after a DJembe drum, which is found all over the West African region. Ghana is now one of the main producers of this drum for global consumption.

Enjoy this video to take you through the craft and to learn a bit more about the DJembe drum.
Source: DIY Music https://youtu.be/q5ApkNtmlIM

SUPPLIES:
You should be able to find most of these around your home.

- Oatmeal Canister – or other cylinder container that you can cut the bottom out of such as a paper cup.
- Scissors
- Tape
- Balloon (or any thin item such as tin foil or wax paper)
- Rubber Bands
- Colored construction paper & Markers for decorating

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Punch out the bottom of the oatmeal can, or cut the bottom out of a paper cup. This will create an open cylinder.

2. Take the balloon and cut the lower portion with opening off.

3. Stretch the top of the balloon over one end of the Oatmeal Canister. You may need help holding the cylinder while you are stretching the balloon. Once you have the balloon stretched as tight as it can, secure the top with a rubber band, or tape. This craft is modeled after a DJembe drum. These drums are typically an hour glass shape and rest between the legs of the drummer while played, leaving the bottom off the ground.

4. Now, we have a drum! You can tap on the top of the drum with your hands to make a sound, or use the eraser ends of two pencils as drum sticks. You will notice the drum will make a different sound if it is flush against a surface, or if you hold it up, allowing the sound to escape from the bottom. Use whatever materials you have around your home such as construction paper, note-book paper, markers, decorative tape, stickers, etc. to decorate your drum.

5. Most important part - play and have fun!