

DIY GUIDE:

## Make A Musical Instrument

Warli is an indigenous art form made by people who are also called Warli. Most of the population lives in Maharashtra and some near Gujarat border. Their paintings revolve around the traditions of their communities, the tools they use and their association with nature. Common themes include hunting, weddings, dancing, farming etc.

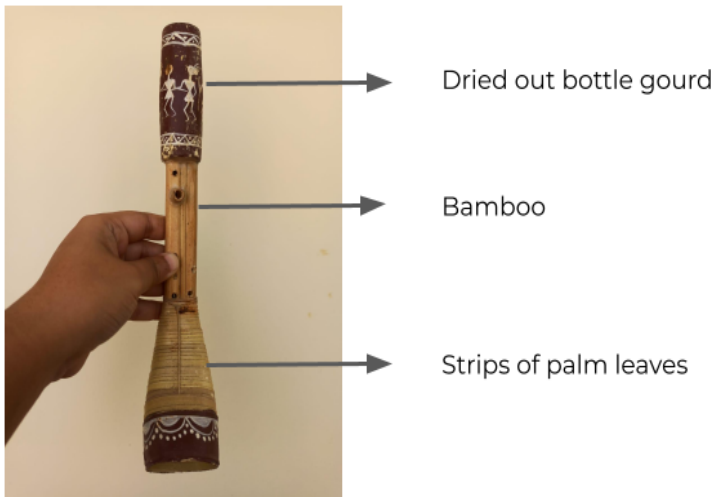
Warlis usher in bountiful harvests, festivals and marriages by performing the tarpa dance. The dance gets its name from the wind instrument - Tarpa.



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The dance is performed by both men and women banded together in a circular formation, symbolic of the eternal circle of life, with the *tarpakar* playing the instrument in their midst. The tunes of tarpa sound similar to that of a snake charmer's flute.

A wind instrument, tarpa is made from a dried-out gourd, strips of palm leaves, wax and bamboo.



**It is now time to make your own wind instrument- a pan flute!**

**You will need:**

- Icecream stick
- Straws
- Ribbon to decorate
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil

### Step 1

Lay the straws flat on a table and decide on the lengths you'd like them to be – the larger the steps between the straws, the bigger the difference in pitch. If your biggest straw is 14 cm long, the next can be 12 cm, the one after will be 10 cm and so on.

### Step 2

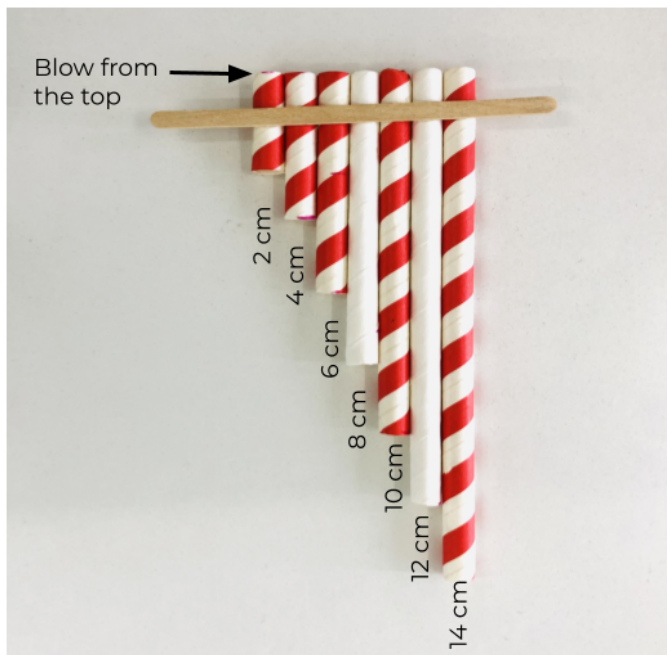
Mark with a pencil, then cut the straws to different lengths. Lay them out next to each other, with the top edges lined up.

### Step 3

Apply glue to the back of the icecream stick and carefully place on top the straws, making sure it touches every straw. Allow to dry. For more sturdiness, you can secure them with a transparent tape.

### Step 4

Finish by covering the icecream stick with ribbon or washi tape, to decorate. To play, simply blow across the top of the straws.



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