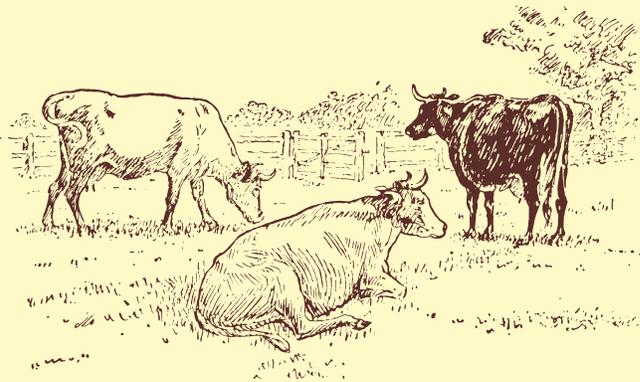




CRAFT CORRAL:



Cattle Drive Instruments



After the Civil War, cattle drives became a major industry in America. Transporting herds of cattle and longhorns from Texas to the trains in Kansas, cowboys would travel cattle trails, such as the Chisolm Trail in Fort Worth, and could last from 3 - 5 months on the plains. While life on the cattle trails was grueling, the evenings could be spent around a campfire, playing harmonicas and instruments for entertainment. With this craft, we can make our own harmonica and banjo to play under the starry sky!

MATERIALS: JAR LID BANJO

- Jar lid (mason jar, pickle jar, etc)
- 4 rubber bands
- Tape (duct tape, scotch tape)
- Wide popsicle stick
- Washi tape
- Optional: sequins and glue

POPSICLE STICK HARMONICA

- 2 popsicle sticks
- 2 small rubber bands
- 2 wider rubber bands
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Paper straws, toothpicks, or paper.



JAR LID BANJO

1. Wrap four rubber bands around the jar lid.



2. Secure on the back with tape.



3. Cut down the popsicle stick if it is too long. Decorate with washi tape, markers, sequins, or whatever you have. Be creative!



4. Attach the lid to the popsicle stick with tape.



5. Give your banjo a strum, and share with us on social media using @cowgirlmuseum!





POPSICLE STICK HARMONICA

1. Cut a strip of paper the length and width of your popsicle sticks. Cut four pieces of the paper straw, or toothpicks.



2. Wrap the wider rubber band around each of the popsicle sticks length wise.



3. Place the paper straws under the rubber band on either side.



4. Put the piece of paper sandwiched together between the two popsicle sticks.



5. Wrap the rubber bands on either end, securing the popsicle sticks together.



6. Play your harmonica!
Carefully blow while humming a tune to practice.

