

Wonder at the Whipple

How to make an elastic band guitar



Scientists used this to find out about music and sound.

The **Whipple Museum** has an Ancient Greek instrument called a **monochord**. It was invented over 2500 years ago! You can make music at home with our easy elastic band guitar



You will need an empty tissue box, 3 elastic

bands and some stickers (You can cut an oval out of an empty cereal box to use if you do not have a tissue box – ask a grown up for cutting help)



Stretch your first elastic band over the whole of the tissue box. Ask a grown up if you need help.



Stretch the 2 remaining elastic bands over the whole of the tissue box in the same

way.



Decorate your tissue box guitar with the stickers. Your guitar is ready.



Play your guitar by gently plucking the elastic bands. Happy playing ! Which other instruments do we play in this way?