

Meet the Symphony Musician

April 2 - I-Jen Fang (Principal Percussionist & Timpanist, Charlottesville Symphony)

DIY Instrument: Gong

Supplies:

- Arts and crafts materials (glue, colored paper, tape, paint, feathers, beads, etc.)
- Metal objects (pots / pans / lids) or scrap metal
- Stick / wooden spoon / unsharpened pencil (this will be your “beater”)

Directions:

1. Place one or more pie tins, pot lids, or cast iron pans / pots on the floor or other flat surface, with the flat side facing up. Using a variety of sizes and objects made from different metals will provide a variety of sounds.
2. Alternatively, hang a piece of scrap metal from a coat hanger / clothes pin on a rope tied between two sturdy items that will not fall.
3. Use a variety of “beaters” to create different sounds.