

TAIKO is an ancient style of Japanese drumming that is still popular today. Taiko drums are traditionally large, but actually come in all sizes. They are played with drumsticks, known as "bachi".

How to Make a Taiko Drum

Because buying drums from Japan can be very expensive, *taiko* groups have learned how to make drums out of things they can find on their own. Let's give it a try.

You'll Need:

- An empty coffee can or plastic bucket
- Clear packing tape
- 6 - 8 sheets of newspaper
- Duct tape
- Scissors

Make Your Own Taiko Drum

1. Cover the entire opening of the can or bucket with packing tape. Start by taping an X or + shape across the top first, then cover the rest of the top with tape. Make sure the tape is tight across the top for the best sound.



2. To make drumsticks, roll the newspaper tightly and tape the roll with duct tape including the ends.



3. Now you are ready to play your drum and create your own beat!



Taiko Drummers at the 2019 ANA Stage at the Tidal Basin