

FOUR-IN-ONE CAN



Bash The Trash builds, performs and educates with musical instruments made from reused and repurposed materials. They combine science, music and environmental awareness in performances, programs and social initiatives, reaching over 60,000 students a year in the New York City metro area, online, and nationwide through a network of regional performers. www.bashthetrash.com

The humble aluminum can can be turned into four different fun percussion instruments at once! This instrument is beloved by Bash the Trash, and we use it in each and every show that we perform. We used to make these with coffee cans with removable plastic lids, but most coffee now comes in bags, so we've added an "anti-junk mail" alternative!

YOU WILL NEED:

- An empty metal can. Make sure that the can is clean, and be careful of any sharp edges inside the rim. Remove the glossy paper wrapping.
- A little bit of Shaky Stuff: small pebbles, paper clips, tiny seashells.... anything small but kind of heavy. (Cotton balls wouldn't work, for example.)
- A piece of thick, coated paper. (Junk mail advertisements work perfectly.) If your can came with a removable plastic top that will work
- Duct tape
- A pencil or chopstick (as your drum stick!)

TOOLS: Scissors

Caution! Instructions include common-sense simple tool use. You, the user, need to take all precautions to keep yourself safe.

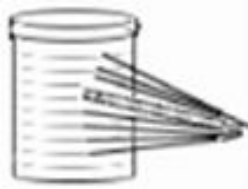
watch John Bertles' how-to video:
bit.ly/4in1can

1. Trace a circle on the junk mail with the top of the can. Cut a wider circle around it, enough to leave about 1-2 inches all the way around. (It doesn't have to be pretty! We'll cover it up with tape.)
2. Put a small handful of shaky stuff inside your can.
3. Put your piece of junk mail on top of the can, and fold it down around the sides so it hugs the can.
4. Wrap duct tape around the sides just below the top to fix the lid in place.

TO PLAY!



Hit the lid!



Scrape it!



Shake it!



Hit the metal side!



Add more to make a can drumset!