

## Creating a Xylophone

### Materials:

- Discovery Ramps or wooden blocks
- 2 towels
- material to use as a mallet such as a block or sturdy stick

Music is a joyful part of childhood. Children are naturally drawn to creating sounds and rhythms in everyday life. Support this curiosity by inviting children to create a musical instrument out of an unexpected material - ramps or blocks!

1. Grab some Kodo Discovery Ramps (or wooden blocks) in a variety of lengths.
2. Roll up 2 towels and place them under each end of the ramps or blocks.
3. Invite children to use a mallet to strike each block and observe the difference in tone.



### Look and Listen for Learning

- Cause and Effect
- Curiosity
- Material Properties
- Use of Tools

### Teaching Tips

Let this experience inspire the children in your class to look for musical qualities in other objects and materials around the classroom. Go on a sound hunt around the classroom or school and see what other unexpected sounds can be found!

### Questions to pose:

- Why do you think they make different sounds?
- How can we make a louder or soft sound?
- What other materials can we use to make music?