

How to Make Pan Flutes

1. Make sure you have 5 pieces of hose (all different sizes), a blob of plastecine, and six popsicle stick.
2. Divide the plastecine into five smaller blobs, each about the size of a small marble.
3. Roll the small blobs between your fingers to make them soft. Make them into a ball, not a snake.
4. Stick one small blob into one end of each of the hose pieces. It needs to completely cover the end of the hose and should go a little bit up the side.
5. Trim any loose threads off the end of the hose that doesn't have a plastecine blob.
6. Blow across the unblobbed end to make sure you can get a sound out it. It's like blowing across the top of a bottle. If you can't get a sound, try blowing harder or adjusting the blob.
7. Repeat steps 4, 5, and 6 with the other tubes so you have 5 that work.
8. Lay a piece of duct tape (about 45cm) on the floor, sticky side up.
9. Put two popsicle sticks on the duct tape, near the middle.
10. Lay out the tubes, smallest to biggest on top of the popsicle sticks. They should not be touching each other but should be close together. Adjust them so that the unblobbed ends are even. Using another popsicle stick to push them into place can help.
11. Wrap the duct tape around the whole thing.
12. (Optional but helpful) Push the other popsicle sticks between the hoses. This makes it easier to blow on only one tube at a time
13. Write your name on the duct tape.
14. Make beautiful music with your new pan flutes.