Make a Glass Xylophone

Gather your supplies:

• 8 wine glasses, drinking glasses or jars ideally the same or almost the same size
• Water
• Metal spoon
• Food coloring (not required – just for fun)

Make your Instrument:

Arrange the eight glasses in front of you in a line. Fill each of the glasses with different levels of water. You can add food coloring just for fun if you like.

Tap the first glass with the spoon and listen to the sound. Then try another. Each glass will have a different sound. Can you tell the difference? Try creating a song or a simple tune. Ask some friends to make their own xylophone and play along.

Track 3 of Maestro Classics’ The Sorcerer’s Apprentice features the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps with a xylophone solo. Click here to listen to Track 3 and play along to the song!

P.S. To see a fun video of someone playing a homemade xylophone, search “Budapest Xylophone” on YouTube.