



# CRAFT IN AMERICA

HISTORY AND IMPROVISATION: MAKING AMERICAN MUSIC EDUCATION GUIDE

## Worksheet #2: Innovative Instruments

"I just have these bamboo sticks, felt-piano felt, calf skins, metal bowls, I mean in some ways it is not that fair-but we're supposed to make music with it." – Joseph Pereira

You will be making a musical instrument, with the option of making a banjo, from simple recycled materials. Time to brainstorm some prototype plans. Draw and label sketches of an instrument to meet the following themes:

an instrument that  
refers to an era or an event in history

an instrument that  
is 'flashy'

an instrument that has  
iconic symbols that represent you

an instrument that has an  
old, antique version & a 2nd newer version

After examining the maker parts available, sketch three ideas for an instrument you might actually make. Label the features. Do you think the instrument will "work?" If it doesn't work, could it still have some kind of value?

