American Revolution Project

Boys-Make a Drum

Girls-Sew a Flag

Make a Drum

* A drum drum image by agno\_agnus from Fotolia.com

Give the [kids](http://www.ehow.com/list_6139969_american-revolution-crafts-kids.html) some construction paper, glue, yarn and an empty oatmeal box of the cylindrical type. Kids can cut down the oatmeal box to make it slightly shorter (and more proportional to a real drum). They can glue construction paper around it, then glue yarn up and down the sides in a zig-zag pattern to simulate the lacing that would have been used to tie on the skin cover of the original drums. A couple of pencils or dowels make great drumsticks. Add a pretend flute made from a paper towel tube (paint it and make finger holes by punching through one side with a nail or pencil) and you have a fife and drum corps.

## "Sew" a Betsy Ross Revolutionary Flag

* Start with a large rectangle of white felt. Have the kids glue a square of navy blue felt in the upper left corner and seven stripes from top to bottom on the white background to create the basic blue field and 13 alternating red and white stripe pattern. (Start and end with red stripes and make them the same size as the white spaces in between.) Glue 13 white felt stars in a circle on the blue background. To complete the flag, kids can glue one edge of it around a small wooden dowel. US Flag has a good picture of the Betsy Ross flag to use as a model, and kids can learn more about the history of this famous flag while they are there.