**Box Guitars**

**Introduction:**

Trace evidence of cigar box instruments exist from 1840 to the 1860s. The earliest illustrated proof of a cigar box instrument known is an etching of two Civil War Soldiers at a campsite with one playing a cigar box fiddle in 1876. The Great Depression of the 1930s saw a resurgence of homemade musical instruments. Times were hard in the American south and for entertainment sitting on the front porch singing away their blues was a popular pastime. Musical instruments were beyond the means of everybody, but an old cigar box, a piece of broom handle and a couple wires from the screen door and a guitar were born.

**Materials:**

Poplar Neck

Can, cigar box, wood, etc.

Tuners

Strings

Nut

Bridge

Pick

**Procedure:**

In this activity you will create your own “box guitar” by either creating your own box or by using a cigar box, can, or some other hollow material. There are no exact dimensions to the guitar, however it must be long enough to fit one of the provided fret scales.

**Grading:**

Paperwork (isometric sketches, dimensioned multiviews) 50 pts

Overall Build quality 50 pts

Fret Work 50 pts

Headstock 50 pts

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Total /200 pts