YOU WILL NEED:
• A 2-3' sturdy cardboard tube. (Fabric tubes work best. Visit your local fabric store and ask for some used ones. They often come 5-6ft long, saw them down with an extra fine-toothed coping saw, or similar)
• A small block of wood, 2-3"
• Fishing line (40-80lb test filament fishing line will be loudest, braided line won’t work as well)
• A tuna or pet food can, or a small piece of styrofoam

TOOLS: Non-serrated knife, Scissors

1. Using a sharp, non-serrated knife, cut 3 small slits at one end of the tube, about ½” apart and ½” long. Cut three more on the other end.

2. Cut three lengths of fishing line, each 6-12” longer than the tube.

3. Tie a knot in the end of one fishing line string; double it if necessary so that it anchors in the slit with the knot inside the tube.

4. Repeat the process at the other end, making sure that the string has the correct tension. Repeat for the other two strings: tie a knot and slip it in the slot on both ends. Consider making some strings slightly tighter than others (i.e. slightly shorter), so that each string will give a different pitch.

5. Slide the can/styrofoam under the strings with the open end facing the tube. Then, slip the wood block under the strings on top of the can and rotate the wood upright so that it makes a kind of bridge.

NOTE: Try making a series of small knots on the strings and see which knot gives just the sound you like.

TO PLAY!
Pluck the strings with your fingers or strum with a pick (a penny is acceptable, stiff plastic is best). Change the pitches of the strings by playing like a Brazilian berimbao or Japanese koto. Play the longer end while pushing down on the other side of the bridge.