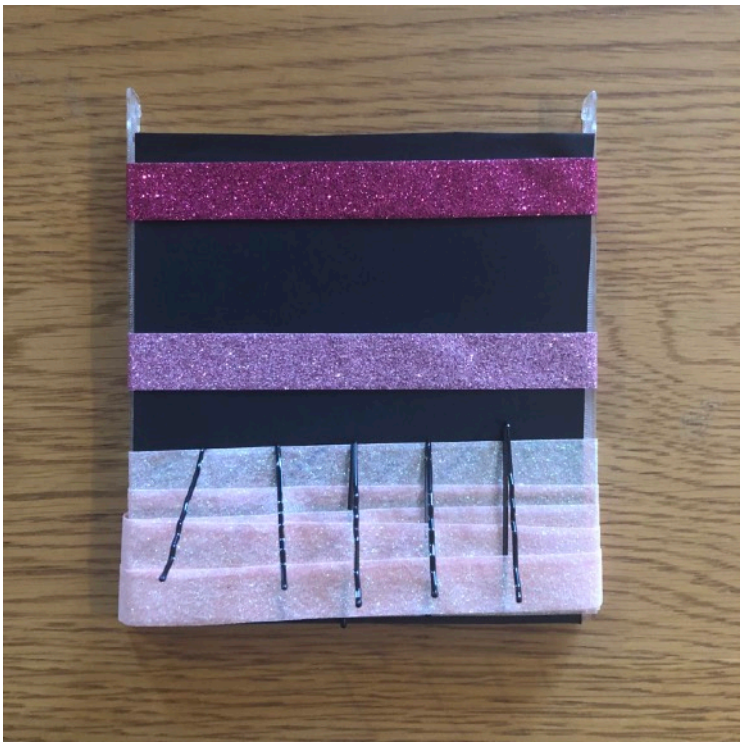
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Thumb Piano



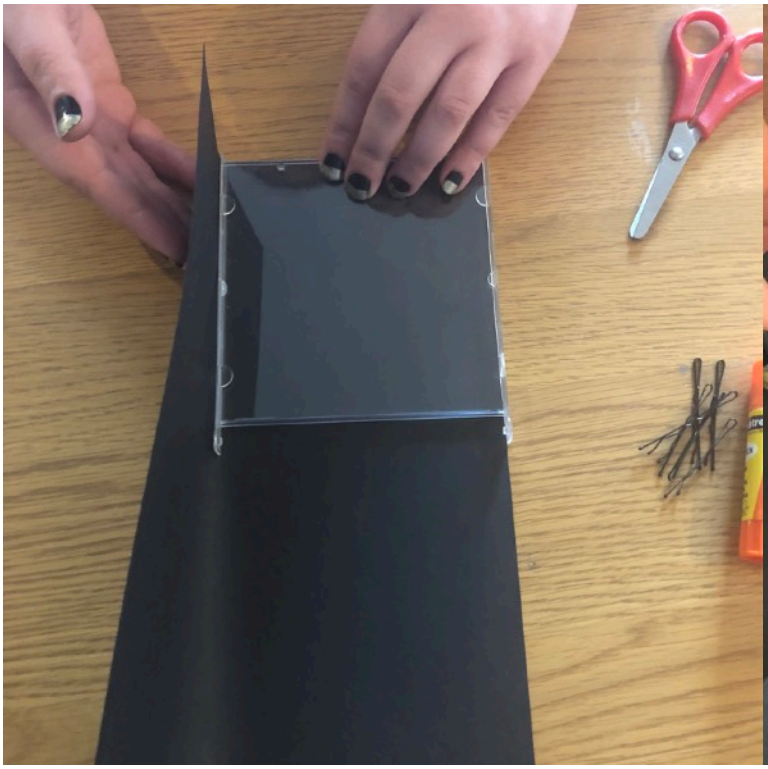
Taking inspiration from an African Instrument - the Mbira (thumb piano) why not create your own upcycled version

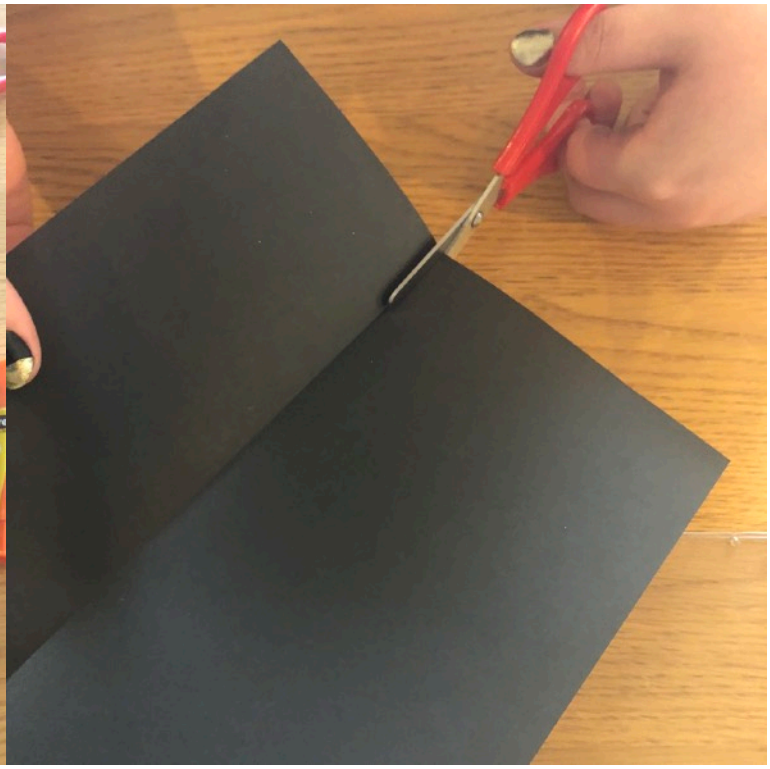
Tools and Materials:

- Coloured Paper
- Hair pins/Kirby grips
- CD Case
- Scissors
- Washi Tape (or sellotape)

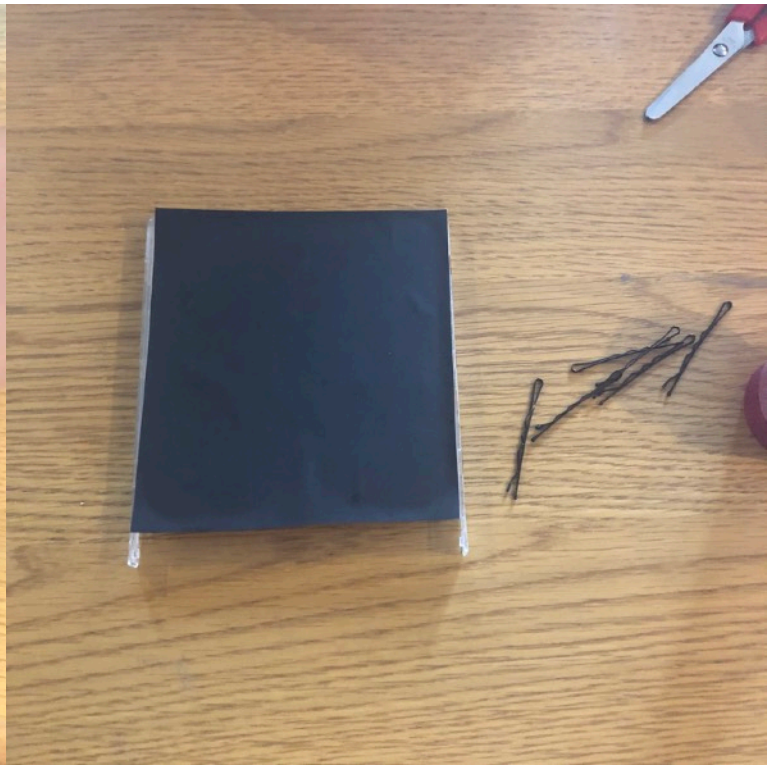


We used a CD case front for our thumb piano - but you could also use a square of wood or any hard material you can get your hands on for the base. If using a CD case why not cover it in paper to make it look more exciting like so

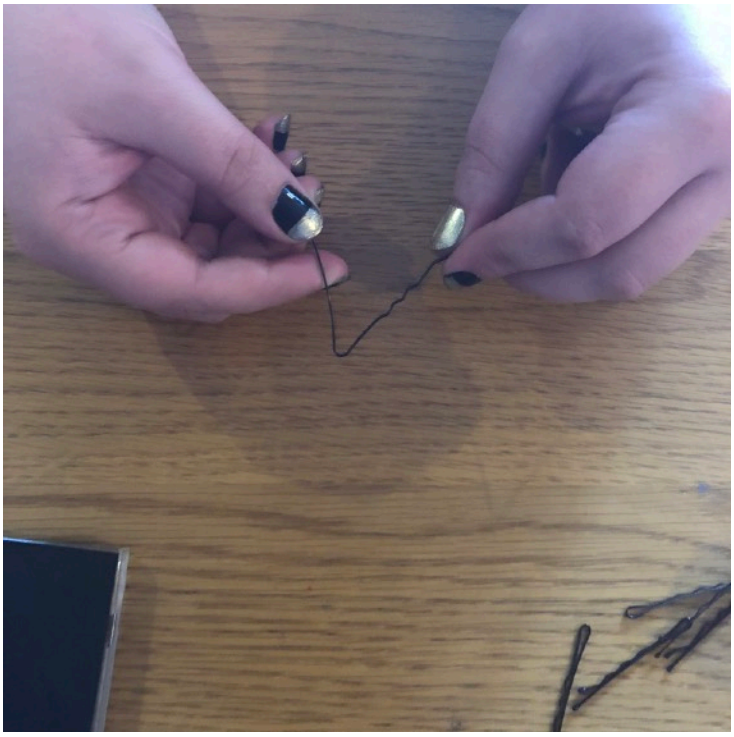


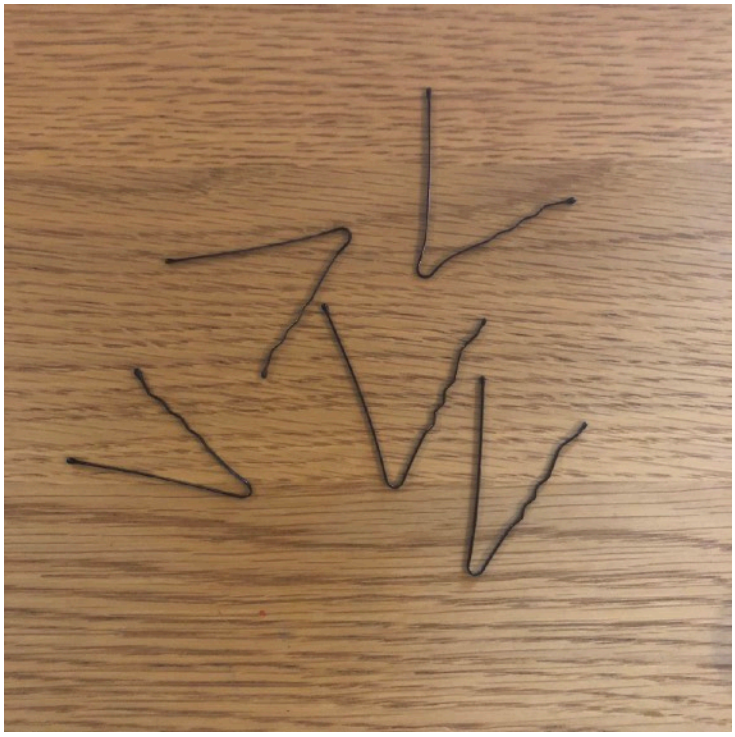




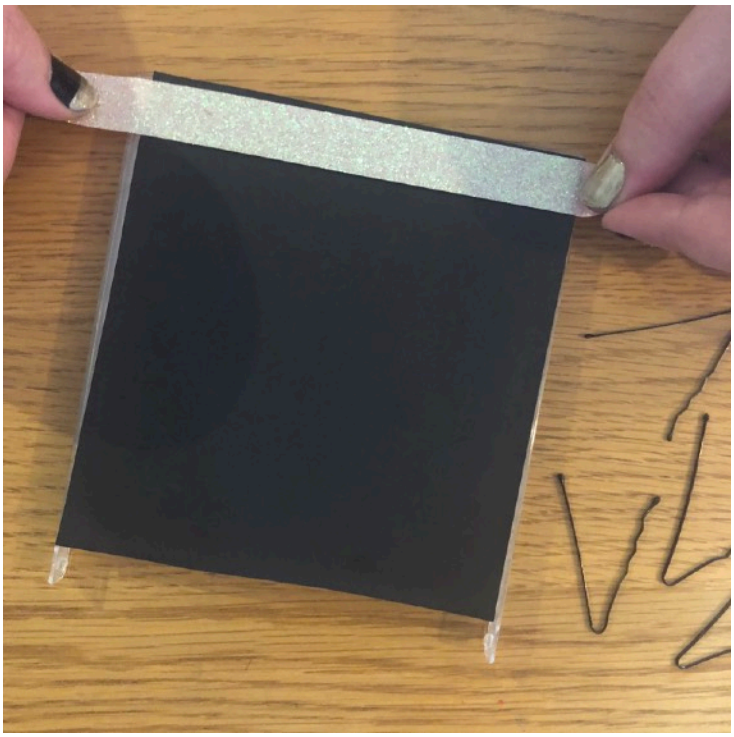


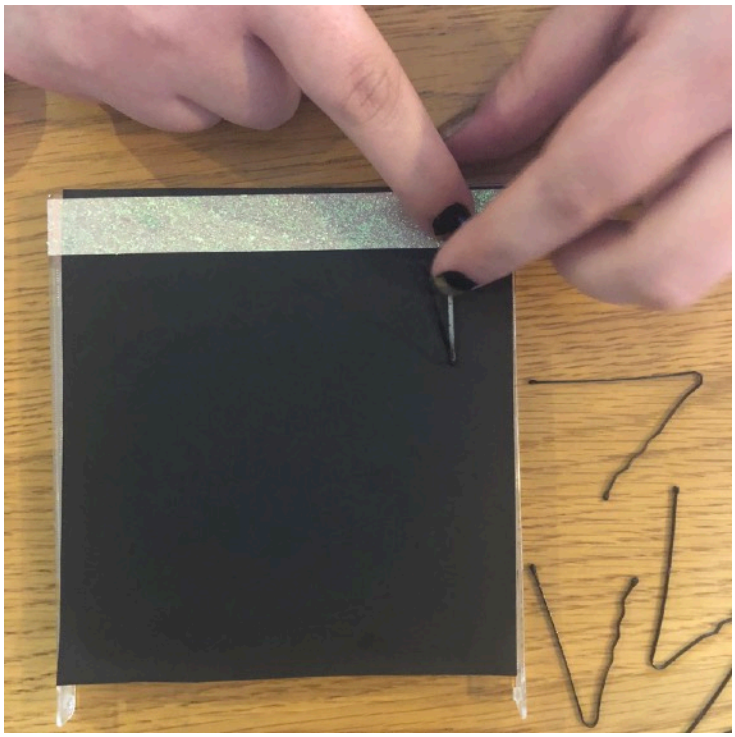
Once the base of your thumb piano is covered (and you've added any pattern you like) you are ready to think about creating the notes. Using the hair pin you want to bend them open to create a V shape and then tape them at different lengths to change the sound

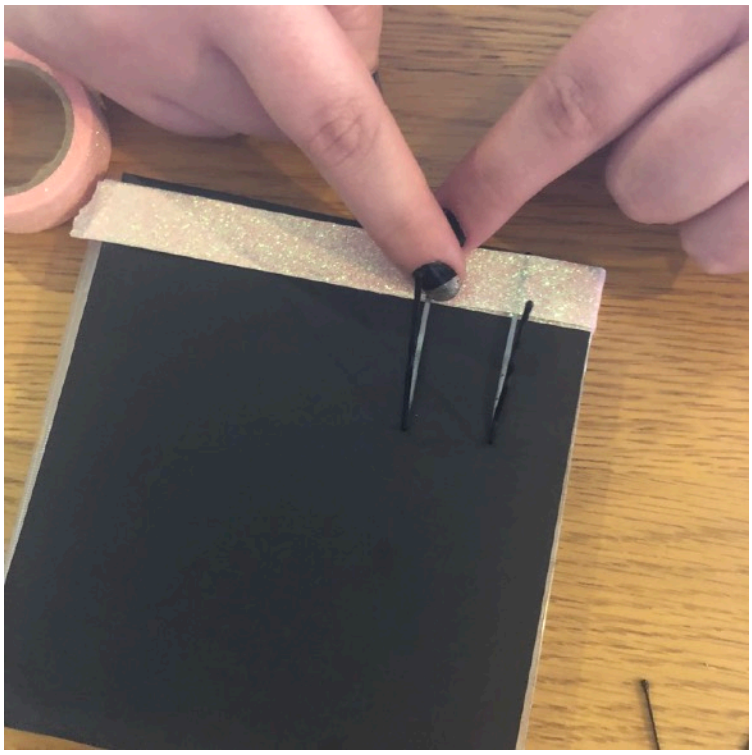
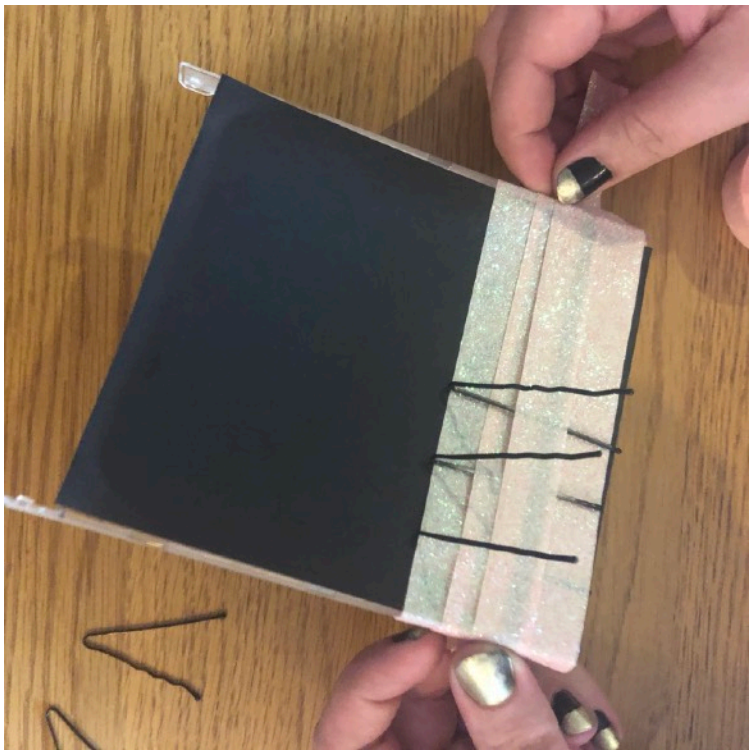
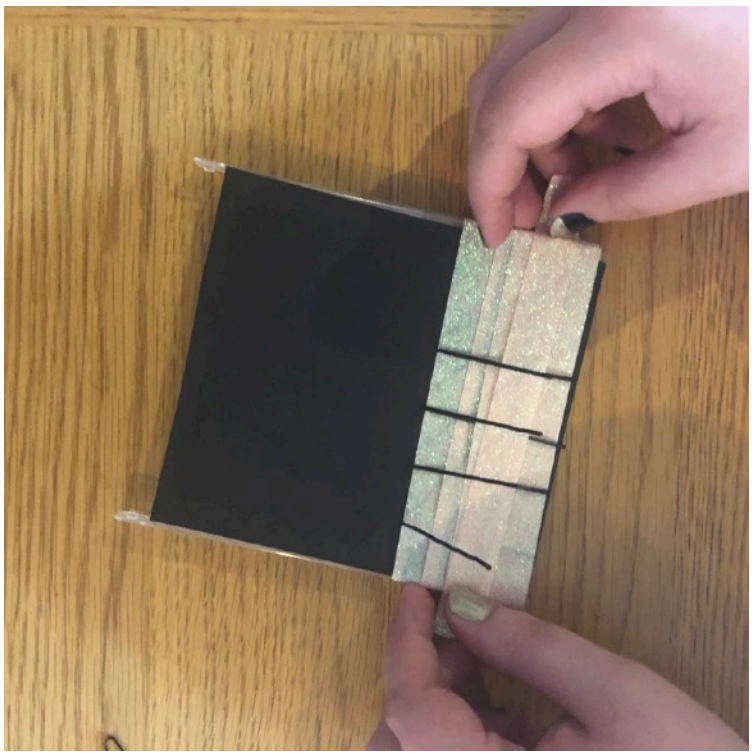
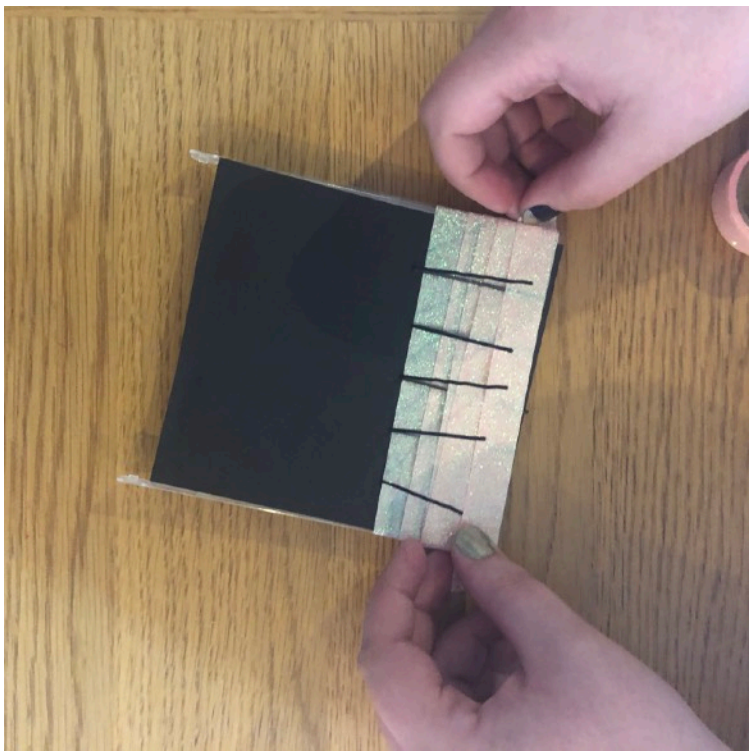




Taping the pin near the end makes a lower sound, try it out!





Once you have secured your notes you can add extra decorations (if you don't have washi tape and are using sellotape you can use stickers or paper to collage on top!)

Think about the whole of the piano and how you want it to look - patterns or images - either work!

There you have it your very own thumb piano!



