

# Chantal Makes a Drum



**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Cut out the flashcards.
2. Play flashcard games.
3. Read the story.



drum



earth



wooden frame



rawhide



measure



cut



punch



soak





moose



drum circle



weave



sing



This is Chantal.



Chantal is Cree / Métis from Muskeg Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan.





She is an artist and teacher.



She sings and drums.





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Drums have always been important in Indigenous culture. This picture is from 1926.



The sound of the drum is the  
heartbeat of Mother Earth.

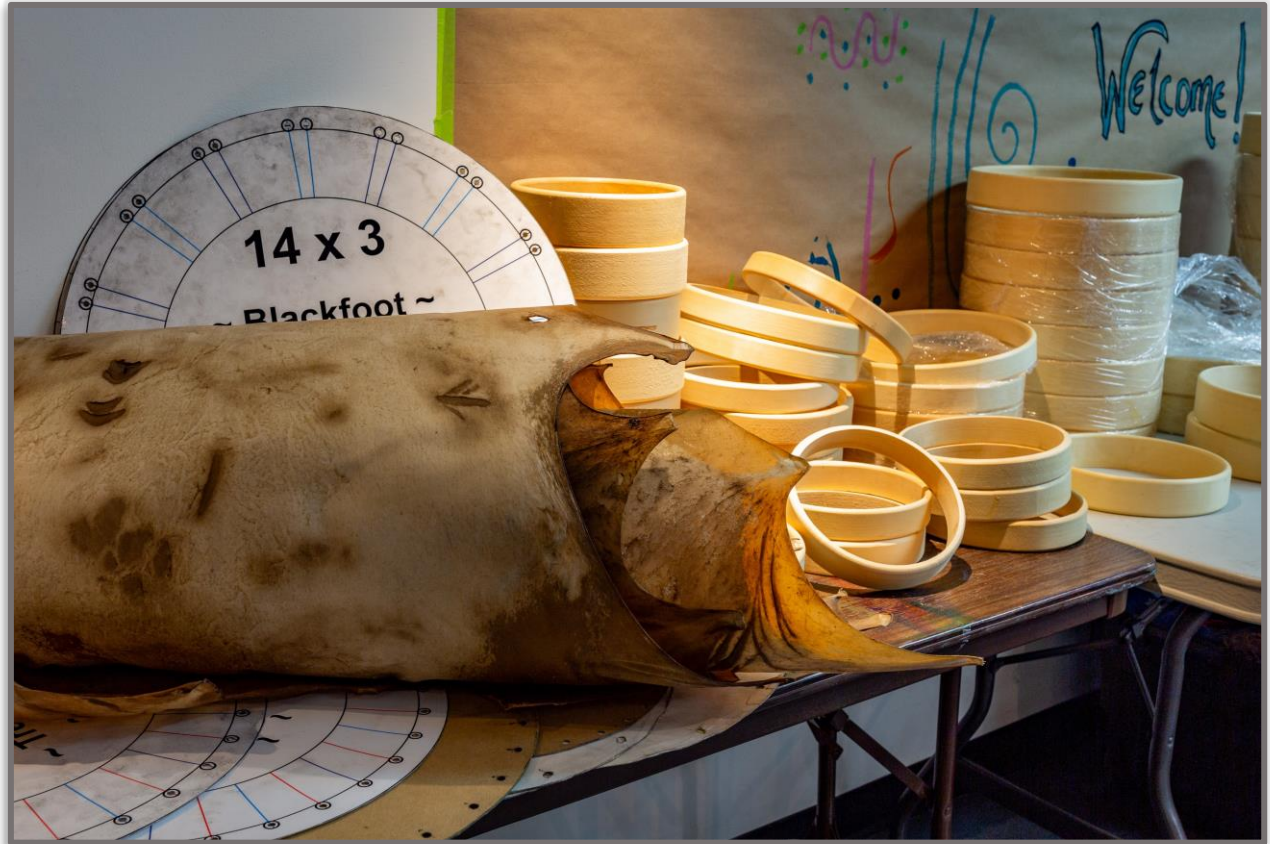


Chantal makes hand drums.

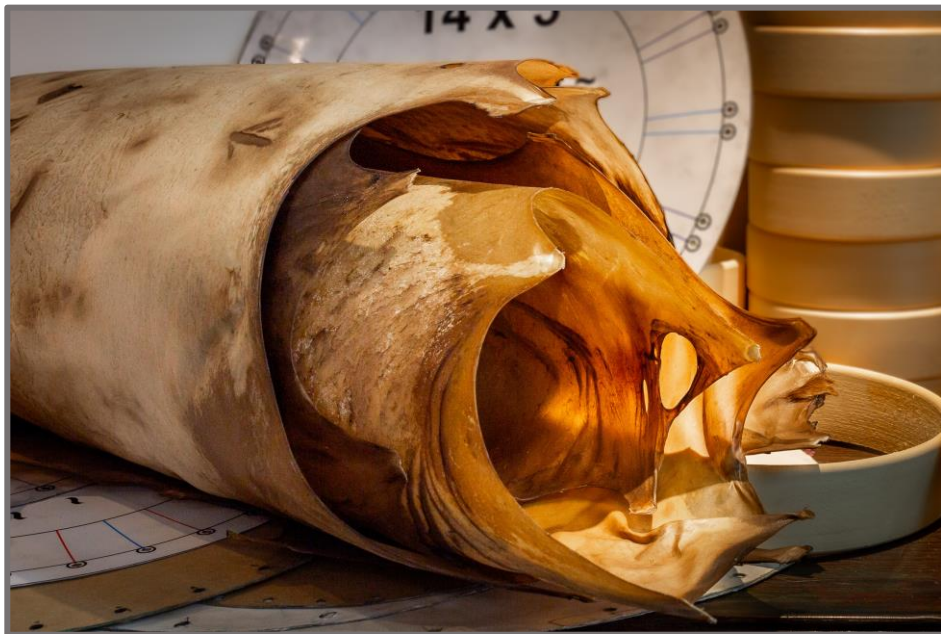




She also teaches people how to make their own drums.



She gets everything ready.



She has a wooden frame and rawhide.





deer



moose



elk



buffalo

Drums are made with deer, moose, elk or buffalo rawhide.



Chantal chooses moose rawhide.





She measures and cuts the rawhide.





She punches holes in the rawhide.



She soaks the rawhide in water to make it soft.



Chantal weaves the drum with long rawhide strips.





The drum is ready.



Everyone joins in the drum circle and plays together.

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