

## MUSIC ON YOUR DESK

Explore a Musical Instrument and Make a Cardboard Cutout



In this video made for the Aga Khan Museum, musician Fethi Nadjem introduces us to music from the country of Algeria, marked in blue in the map of Africa below. Enjoy his performance by [clicking here!](#)

Nadjem is playing a unique musical instrument used by the Gnawa people of North Africa. Do you know the name of this instrument? (Hint: Nadjem tells us the name at 4:00 minutes in the video)

The instrument is called a gimbri (or guembri)! It is made of wood, animal skin and three strings. It is rectangular in shape and often has rounded edges. Does it remind you of any other instrument(s) you have seen before?

Which of the two songs played by Nadjem did you enjoy more – the first song, Moulana, or the second song, Laafou? What did you like about the song?



### SHARE YOUR WORK!

Place your mini gimbri in your pen stand on your desk or use it as a bookmark. You could also add the cutouts of other musical instruments to make an entire collection! Take a photograph of your cutout and share it with us at: [learn@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:learn@agakhanmuseum.org)

### ACTIVITY ✂

#### MAKE A MINI CUTOUT OF THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT!

#### MATERIALS:

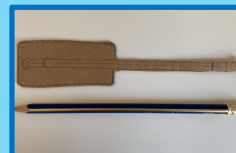
A piece of cardboard, pencil and eraser, scissors, black pen or fine tip marker

#### STEPS:

Draw the outline of the gimbri clearly on a piece of cardboard with a pencil. This outline can be about the size of your palm, the size of your arm or any size in between. Then, cut out this outline with your scissors.



Now draw in the details of the gimbri, such as the strings, using your pencil. Once complete, darken the details with a fine tip permanent marker or pen. Don't forget to add fun designs to your instrument, like the designs at the long end of Nadjem's gimbri!



For a 3D cutout, repeat this cutting process 5 to 10 times and stick the pieces of cardboard one on top of the other using glue. You can even color your gimbri!