Norwalk Symphony DIY Trumpet

YOU WILL NEED
1 piece of colored construction paper
1 empty, clean and dry two-liter soda bottle
Packing tape or duct tape
Long paper tube or paper towel tube
Scissors

STEPS
1. Grab a grownup! Have your adult cut the spout (top) off of a two-liter plastic soda bottle. You will want the cut part of the bottle to be close to the size of, or just a little bit larger than the width (diameter) of the paper towel tube. The bottle spout will be your trumpet mouthpiece.

2. After your adult has cut off the spout and trimmed it to fit well, if needed, tape the edge you have just cut securely to one end of the paper towel roll tube.

3. Roll your construction paper into the shape of a funnel. There are different ways to do create the funnel shape, and you may need to use scissors and tape. When you’re done, the smaller end of the funnel should slide snugly around the end of the tube opposite the mouthpiece. When you have it shaped and positioned just right, tape it securely in place.

4. You can decorate the trumpet tube and funnel with pieces of colored tape or stickers. It would probably not be a good idea to use paint because the cardboard and paper should not get wet.

HOW TO PLAY YOUR HOMEMADE TRUMPET
Press your lips together and place the mouthpiece over your lips. Then start “buzzing” your lips. The sound you will want to make is like the sound we might make when we imitate an elephant “trumpeting.” It might take you a little practice to get the right buzzing sound, and it might even tickle your lips a little bit when you do it. When you get your “buzz” just right, you’ll love the sound that will come out of your trumpet! Enjoy playing your home-made trumpet! Let the parade begin!