

## **Shrikes - an Indian instrument**

### **Supplies:**

**Gourd with Handle**

**String I suggest Hemp (easier for girls to use)**

**Pony Beads**

**Latex or Vinyl disposable gloves**

**Coloring for Gourd (optional)**

**Acrylic Paint**

**Leather Dye**

**Gilders Paste**

**Clear spray paint to preserve color other wise it will come off on your hands**

**Coloring Gourd –**

**1 – Paint with acrylics and spray with clear spray paint**

**2 – Leather Dye – Apply with applicator using gloves dose not come off you very easy. Let dry, buff and spray with clear spray paint.**

**3 – Gilders Paste - use a soft cloth dip in turpentine than rub on paste and apply to gourd by rubbing when you get color you like stop and Spray with clear spray paint.**

## **Directions –**

**1 - Cut 4 pieces of Hemp 24 inches in length. Tie these loosely around neck of gourd where it starts to get bigger, with a square knot.(you should be able to get your finger between it and gourd) than tie rest in bow.**

**2 – Cut 8 Pieces of Hemp 3 yards long.**

**3 – Fold each of these in half and attach to gourd ring you just made with overhand loop knot. Space these evenly around the ring.**

**4 – Now take one string from one set and a string from the other set and tie a simple knot in it approx. 1 inch from ring do this all the way around gourd , but make sure that your knots are even this knot is easy to undo to adjust.**

**5 – Next row take one string from that knot and one from another and do the same thing, only this time put a bead on after the knot and tie another knot under the bead do not pull to tight because your bead will slip over knot.**

**6 – Now you just keep repeating until you have beads hanging below gourd. Than take all strings together and tie in the simple knot. Then cut your tails to your likeness at bottom and tie beads at different lengths on your tails using two tails together.**