When they lived in the mountain village of Vlasenica, the Altaras family sang songs in Bosnian as well as Ladino, the language of Sephardic Jews. Flory’s family also learned to play some local musical instruments, such as the tamburitza, a long-necked stringed instrument that looks like a mandolin or guitar. Here’s how to make your own:

**Supplies**
- Small shoebox (bottom only)
- Cardboard tube
- 5-7 large rubber bands
- Scissors
- Masking or duct tape
- Markers, stickers, or ribbons for decorating (optional)

**Instructions**
1. Cut a hole in one end of the box, just large enough to fit the cardboard tube.
2. Wrap the rubber bands around the sides of the shoe box, spacing evenly between the bands.
3. Tape the tube onto the end of the box.
4. Decorate as you wish, then start strumming!