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As the two year anniversary of the Battle of Endor approaches, The New Republic once again wants to commemorate the Ewoks, who played a significant role in the Battle of Endor.

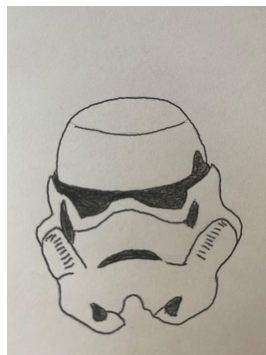
Despite the belief of technologically advanced societies, the Ewoks are very advanced engineers, which is perfectly displayed in their construction of musical instruments.



Ewok drums are a staple instrument in Ewok culture. Drums are usually made out of a sturdy wood that is native to Endor. Once the wood is gathered, it is carved into a cylinder, and hollowed out. In fact, Ewoks have a certain procedure for hollowing out their drums, in order to create different sounds. Once the drum is hollowed

out, a line cloth is cut out and laid over the drum's base. Then, the cloth is tightly strapped to the base with a tight, yet flexible, string. Usually, once the cloth is positioned by the string, a test beat will be done to check for proper tune and tightness of the drum. For finishing touches, a dyed linen cloth is wrapped around the base of the drum. This cloth is unique to each drum and also provides a sense of decor for the instrument.

More recently, however, Ewok music has been shaped by the Battle of Endor. To show their superiority and display their victory in the battle, the Ewoks since then have used the helmets of Stormtroopers as drums.



Once the head is removed from the body of the

trooper, the Ewoks hollow the helmet. In order to create proper drumming sounds, Ewoks will use large mallets to pound out, and flatten the top part of the helmet. Throughout the flattening process, Ewoks will again use drumming mallets to test the sound of the drum. This tuning process ensures that the drum is crafted meticulously for the musician, and further shows the dedication the Ewoks have to their craft.

While drums are staple musical instruments in Ewok culture, there is still quite a large array of musical instruments that Ewoks craft. Traditional instruments include flutes, xylophones, and uniquely string instruments such as guitars and bases. It is important to recognize, overall, that the innovation of Ewoks in regards to the engineering of musical instruments, is profoundly unique to the culture of this specific society.