

Megan Stroup

Helpful Hint - October 2021
K-5 Music Teacher
Zeman Elementary
Lincoln Public Schools

Ribbon Wand Storage

Ribbons wands are a great tool for movement to show form and contour. I frequently pair mine with lessons from Artie Almeida's *Parachutes and Ribbons and Scarves, Oh My!* I tend to use my Westco 7' Streamers (pictured right) with older students and my shorter ribbons with the younger kiddos. Fun fact: the shorter ribbons are actually streamers from when my husband and I left the church after our wedding!



My first few years of teaching, I had the kiddos roll the ribbons like fruit roll ups and place them in a bucket after use. That was too time consuming and honestly, pretty messy! Instead, I decided to get a little crafty. I found small, plastic containers with holes that were just small enough to hold the ribbon wand handle. I ended up cutting holes on one side of the plastic containers to set the ribbons in. Then, I used command hooks to hold the plastic containers on the wall. This is far more accessible for me and my students! They look pretty too! ☺