

Nursery Starter Kit - Where it comes from

Text in this orange colour indicates that similar instruments can be found on every continent

Ocean drum

This instrument is said to have originated in Nepal, far from the ocean. Its calming quality certainly seems to fit with the Himalayan culture.



One bar chime

It's possible that chime bars developed in Nepal or China as aids to meditation.



Animal clacker

This is a small version of much longer, traditional Japanese and Korean instruments. Smaller clackers have also been used since the middle ages in Europe. Sometimes also called kokiriko.



Animal tambourine

A recent variation of a very old instrument, called the sistrum in ancient Egypt. Similar instruments have been found in Ethiopia and Mexico.



Frog scraper

This is a type of guiro, a mainstay of south American percussion. Originally made from hollow gourds, they now come in all shapes and sizes and are played all over the world.



Egg shakers

Simple shakers made from gourds or seed pods have been used in almost every culture. They're particularly typical of north and south American and African traditions.



Mini bento shaker

Made from the husks of the seeds of the Bento tree that grows in Indonesia. Similar shakers, using local seed husks can be found in almost every culture.



Bamboo basket

From Bali, Indonesia, where the baskets are used for making offerings at the temple.



Djembe

A style of drum with a distinctive "hour glass" shape, that is made and played all over west Africa and particularly in and around Mali. Bigger djembes are played with the hands but these small ones can be played with the fingers or with a rounded stick.



Nursery Starter Kit - What's in the basket

Ocean drum

Made from: Goatskin, PVC frame, plastic and metal beads
Played by: tipping, shaking or hitting (gently!)

Age from: 1-ish

Take care: The skin is fragile so don't hit with anything sharp and don't get it wet (but if you do, it can always be dried out with a hair dryer).

2 Animal tambourines

Made from: Balinese Arbesia wood and coconut shell

Played by: shaking

Age from: 1-ish

Frog scraper

Made from: Balinese Empag wood

Played by: scraping or hitting

Age from: 3-ish

2 Egg shakers

Made from: Javanese Mahogany wood* and plastic beads

Played by: shaking

Age from: 4 months

10 Music cards

Ideas and hints for leading stimulating music sessions. There are 5 introductory cards and 5 musical activity cards.

Bamboo basket

Made from: outside skin of bamboo

Mini bento shaker

Made from: Arbesia soft wood and Bento seed husks

Played by: shaking

Age from: 1-ish

Djembe

Made from: Javanese Mahogany wood*, goatskin, cotton and steel rings

Played by: hitting, slapping

Age from: 1-ish

Take care: The skin is fragile so don't hit with anything sharp and don't get it wet (but if you do, it can always be dried out with a hair dryer).

Animal clacker

Made from: Pine wood and string

Played by: flicking - hold both ends and flick from one hand to the other

Age from: 2-ish

One bar chime

Made from: Mahogany wood*, aluminium and cotton

Played by: hitting

Age: from 2-ish

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