



Handy Hand Drum Guide

Thanks for your commitment to connecting children with nature.

Now, let the fun begin!

This studio-quality instrument, created by SlapDrum®, has been scaled down and adapted for use by children. This information is helpful in ensuring everyone gets the most out of your new hand drum.

Playing Tips & Techniques:

- Children can achieve many different sounds, tones and effects by varying the pressure, speed and release of their play.
 - Strike the drum in various locations on the head with fingers, palms and knuckles to produce a variety of tones.
 - Strike and leave your hand on the drum just a little longer before pulling back, you'll notice a change in the timbre and reverb.
 - After striking drum, slide your hand across the head before pulling back for added musical expression.
 - Experiment with finger tapping and cupped palms – explore your creativity and have fun making music!

Care & Storage:

- Overall, if you care for your hand drum like you would any other fine musical instrument it will live a long, happy, useful life.
- Hand drums can be kept looking fresh with an annual application of a child-friendly furniture polish.
- Your new hand drum is a great indoor/outdoor instrument. However, this instrument is meant to be STORED INDOORS out of the rain, inclement weather and inaccessible to wildlife when not in use.
- These professionally crafted instruments are HAND drums. Please only strike the drum with your fingers, palms and knuckles. Striking with sticks, mallets or any other hard object will result in rapid wear and tear, and/or permanent damage.
- Standing, kicking or dropping hand drums will result in rapid wear and tear, and/or permanent damage.