

Glockenspiel



MES Soprano Glockenspiel

MES1009

Available in packs of 1 or 10, perfect for any class size.

***Glockenspiel, pronounced GLOCK-en-sheel is a German word.
Glocke means bell Spiel means play***

Delightful percussion instrument with a bell-like sound. Similar to the xylophone but instead of wooden bars uses metal bars that produce a higher pitch.



Great for...

- ❖ Identifying different sounds.
- ❖ Playing a tuned instrument.
- ❖ Copying simple rhythmic patterns.
- ❖ Beginning to understand musical notations and identifying minims, croquets, quavers and rests.
- ❖ Rehearsing and learning to play simple melodic instrumental parts.
- ❖ Working together in a band/ensemble.
- ❖ Making and combining sounds to compose music.

Learn with Glockenspiel



The Glockenspiel is played with mallets. Different sounds can be created with different mallets. A hard mallet producing a bright sharp sound and a soft mallet a more muted sound. Experiment with the sounds that can be made.

Experience and learn how to apply key musical elements such as pulse, clapping a rhythm and using pitch.

Rhythm makes a pattern of sounds
Clap clap-clap clap clap clap-clap,

Pulse will keep a steady beat
Hear the marching of the feet.

Pitch are sounds high or low
Tempo means go fast or slow,
Dynamics can go with a BANG!
Or make sounds as softly as you can.

Timbre is the type of sound you hear,
Instruments playing differently in your ear.

Duration can be short or long,
Structure is the verse and chorus of a song.

Texture is the layers of sound
Hear them when we create a round,
Listen and copy the rhythmic patterns,
Made of minims, quavers and crotchets.

Rhythm makes a pattern of sounds
Clap clap-clap clap clap-clap-clap!

Explore with Glockenspiel

Copy different patterns. Follow the notes labelled on the bars. Recognise that the longer bars play lower notes and the shorter bars higher notes.

C D E

G A B

F G A

A B C

Make up more of your own. Learn through repetition.



The Glockenspiel belongs to the metallophone family and consists of pitched aluminium or steel bars arranged in a keyboard layout. Explore our full range of metallophones.



C D E G A

G A B D E

D E F G A

A B C D E F G

**Try longer patterns.
Play instrumental parts with increasing confidence.**

C D E F G A B

A B C D E F# G

F G A Bb C D E

G A B C D E F#

Improvise and create different patterns to compose own short pieces of music.

Play with Glockenspiel



What can you
find out about
the
Glockenspiel?



Try these simple songs. Experiment with the different sounds and rhythms to get the tune right. When confident play them as a round.

Hot Cross Buns

B A G

B A G

GGGG AAAA B A G

London's Burning

DD GG

DD GG

AA BB

AA BB

DD DD

DC BB

DC BB

Row Row Row Your Boat

CCC DE

E DE FG

CCC GGG EEE CCC

G FE DC

Perform with Glockenspiel

Try some more simple songs. When confident perform them as a round to an audience.



Can you make up your own short compositions for others to play?



This Old Man

G E G G E G
A G F E D E F
E F G C C C C
C D E F G
G D D F E D C

Frere Jacques

G A B G
G A B G
B C D
B C D
D E D C B G
D E D C B G
G D G
G D G

London Bridge

G A G F E F G
D E F E F G
G A G F E F G
D G E C
G A G F E F G
D E F E F G
G A G F E F G
D G E C