

The Museum of Amazing Musical Instruments - The Pandeiro

The *pandeiro* isn't just a groovy musical *instrument* capable of playing almost any rhythm, but it's also a juggling prop for carnival performers!

The *pandeiro* is a type of tambourine that comes from Brazil – in fact it is the national instrument of Brazil, just like the highland bagpipes are in Scotland. This *pandeiro* has a leather drum skin, a wooden shell and brass jingles. Brass is a very musical metal – instruments such as trumpets, saxophones and trombones make up the brass section of any band.

The Pandeiro can make all the tones you need for a good groove – the shoogle of the jingles, the bass tone and the slap tone of the djembe. All in one little instrument! You can play any sort of rhythm on a pandeiro, from samba..... to funky beats..... to drum and bass. I like that I can play any rhythm on this drum!

In Brazil, you will hear the pandeiro played in all sorts of music. At carnival you will see the pandeiro being played on the streets, flamboyantly juggled and spun in the air!

You can try out your *pandeiro* technique on any tambourine – I know there's always a few in each school on the percussion trolley. And if the tambourine you find is a bit damaged and needs some TLC, maybe has missing jingles or a broken head, just remember what the Brazilian *pandeiro* is capable of!

Links

Pandeiro solo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8CqNiqKwQo>

Pandeiro juggling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxQlpXOJAxM>

Group on the street

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_-B5Xr2fwwc

Group on stage

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=73XPiHpFJ78>

THE PANDERIO QUIZ

1. Which country does the pandeiro come from?
2. The pandeiro is a type of?
3. What is the national instrument of Scotland?
4. What is the pandeiro skin made of?
5. Name another instrument that is made out of brass?
6. Name another object you can spin on your finger?
7. If I could play the pandeiro, what song would I try first?

THE PANDERIO QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Which country does the pandeiro come from? BRAZIL
2. The pandeiro is a type of? TAMBOURINE
3. What is the national instrument of Scotland? THE BAGPIPES
4. What is the pandeiro skin made of? LEATHER
5. Name another instrument that is made out of brass? TRUMPET, SAXOPHONE OR TROMBONE
6. Name another object you can spin on your finger? BASKETBALL, FRISBEE, BOOK, BOWL, PENCIL, RUBBER BAND, PLAYING CARD.....
7. If I could play the pandeiro, what song would I try first?

