

The Guiro

The guiro is an untuned instrument from South and Central America that is made from a gourd that has been carved or notched to create a ridged surface. The guiro is played by scraping the surface with a stick. Modern guiros are made of materials such as plastic, metal and wood.

Listen to the sound of the guiro

<https://youtu.be/TsEmx40gCgQ> (copy the link into your browser)

Here is a picture of a guiro



Make a guiro

1. Drink the contents of the bottle. Remove any labels from the plastic bottle, wash and dry. Discard the lid.
2. The bottle has natural ridges as a guiro does. Use a lollipop stick or pencil to scrape the ridges. Now you can play your very own guiro.

Other Resources/ activities:

This clip tells you more about the guiro. Can you play your guiro like the man in the clip? <https://youtu.be/uo-OGLRQDGO> (copy the link into your browser)

Here is another clip about guiros. Play from 2.34 and join in the music with your guiro <https://youtu.be/j1erbc8WRNA> (copy the link into your browser)