

The Bodhran

The bodhrán (pronounced *bow-rawn* to rhyme with *cow dawn*) is a drum used in Irish traditional music. It is struck by a double-ended stick called a tipper.

How to Hold the Bodhran

The bodhran sits vertically on your leg. It is held in place under your arm and by pressing the drum against your chest.

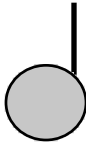
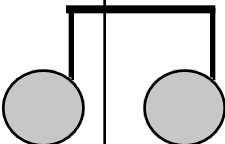
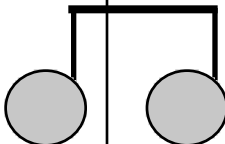
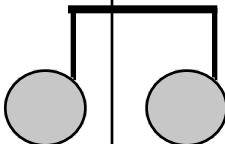
How to Hold the Stick(Tipper)

Hold the stick near the center like a pencil and relax your wrist. Rotate your wrist back toward your body, then swing down tapping the drum.

The Book

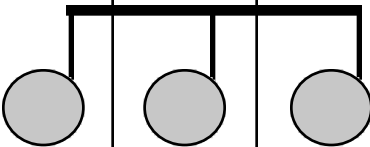
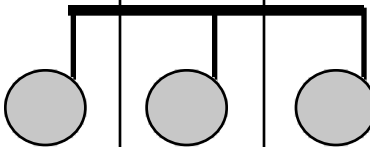
The book is divided into two parts. Part One covers 4/4 rhythms used to play Reels, and Polkas. Part Two covers 6/8 rhythms used to play Jigs, Slip Jigs, Horn Pipes, and Marches. This book will introduce you to basic rhythms that you can use to play your Bodhran.

Rhythm 15

<i>"tap"</i>	↓ down		↓ down	↑ up	↓ down	↑ up	↓ down	↑ up
<i>"say"</i>	bum		did	dy	did	dy	did	dy
<i>"written"</i>								
<i>"count"</i>	1		2	and	3	and	4	and

Repeat the rhythm 4-8 times without stopping.

Part 2 6/8 Rhythm 1

<i>"tap"</i>	↓ down	↑ up	↓ down	↑ up	↓ down	↑ up
<i>"written"</i>						
<i>"count"</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6

Repeat the rhythm 4-8 times without stopping.