

Dominican Tambora (or Tambor in Spanish)

Dominican Tambora (from the Spanish word tambor, meaning "drum") is a two headed drum played in Puerto Rican music. The tambora is used in various parts of Latin America and is particularly popular in the Dominican Republic where it is used for the rhythmic foundation of merengue. Tamboras were originally made from salvaged rum barrels. One side of the tambora is played with the hand, and the other with a stick. For right handed people, the left hand holds the stick. Performers on the tambora are referred to as tamboreros.

Directions

- 1) Clean cardboard container (bread crumb, oatmeal work well)
- 2) Remove labels and cover with paper attaching with glue
- 3) Decorate with markers
- 4) Take approximately a yard of ribbon and tie each end to both sides of the drum so it can hang around your neck and either side of the drum can be played
- 5) Use a popsicle stick to play drum on one side and your hand to drum onto the other
- 6) Practice playing two different rhythms simultaneously.

