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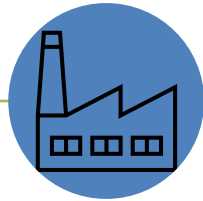


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## ORIGIN

Castanet is a Spanish idiophone musical instruments.



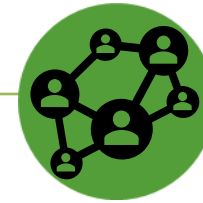
## HOW THEY ARE MADE

Consists of a pair of concave shells joined on one edge by a string. They are traditionally made of hardwood (chestnut; Spanish: castaño), although fibreglass has become increasingly popular. Castanets are often played by singers or dancers. Castanets are commonly used in the flamenco dance.



## HOW THEY ARE PLAYED

They are held in the hand and used to produce clicks for rhythmic accents or a ripping or rattling sound consisting of a rapid series of clicks.



## SIMILARITY WITH OTHER INSTRUMENTS

It is widely used in Kalo, Moorish, Ottoman, Italian, Sephardic, Swiss, and Portuguese music.

In ancient Greece and ancient Rome there was a similar instrument called the crotalum.



## LISTEN

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNhfv\\_53W7A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNhfv_53W7A)

