

Explore using a **Cajon Drum**

A cajon is a type of drum you can sit on while you play it. The bottom of the drum makes a lower sound and the top makes a higher sound.

Why not try:

- ★ **Decorating your cajon.** You could even decorate it to match a musical genre like Punk or Disney and then play along with some music from that genre.
- ★ **Turning phrases from speech into rhythms on the drum.** For example: 'Listen to the music' has a different rhythm to 'I like banging the drum'
- ★ **Call and response rhythms:** I play a rhythm, you play it back. Can you copy the rhythm back if I speak or sing it instead of drumming?
- ★ **Playing along with the 'pulse' of your favourite song,** or even try drumming the rhythm of a favourite melody – can you tap 'Twinkle Twinkle' or 'We Are the Champions'? (The pulse is like the heartbeat of the song, you might think of it as the beat that you could clap along to. If the music speeds up, it is the pulse that's getting faster.)



This cajon is made out of cardboard. This means you can build it yourself and decorate it with paints, fabrics or anything else!



These wires are what change the sound when you play the top of the cajon.