

Basic Drum Key

HH with foot
Bass
Floor tom
Snare
Tom 2
Tom 1
Ride
Hi-hat
Crash 1
Crash 2



Types of Percussion



Piano—The piano is a tuned percussion instrument. Sounds are produced from hammers hitting strings inside the instrument.



Cymbals, gongs and bells—These percussion instruments are made from metal that resonates when it is hit. The different shapes and sizes of these instruments produce different sounds.



Drums—Drums are also known as membranophones because they make a sound when the stretched membrane (or skins) is struck with fingers or sticks. Some drums have pegs that can be adjusted to loosen or tighten the membrane which changes the pitch.



Timpani—Timpani or kettle drums are used by an orchestra. They are often used in pairs, with each drum tuned to a different pitch. The pitch is changed by adjusting the tension of the membrane stretched across the top.



Xylophone—The xylophone can play melodies. Each wooden bar produces a sound when struck with mallets.