

## 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.

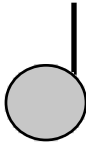
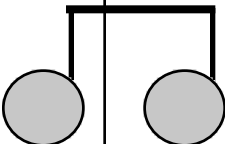
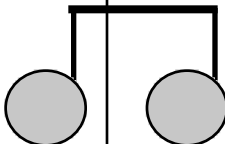
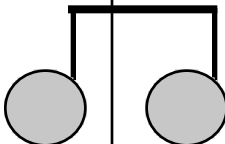
## How to Hold the Stick(Tipper)

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

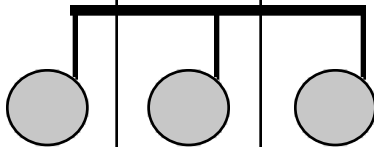
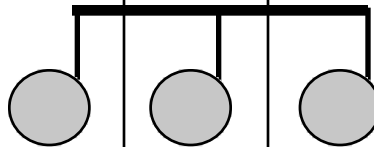
The book is divided into two parts. Part One covers 4/4 rhythms used to play Reels, and Polkas. Part Two covers 6/8 rhythms used to play Jigs, Slip Jigs, Horn Pipes, and Marches. This book will introduce you to basic rhythms that you can use to play your Bodhran.

## 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.