

Steelpans at Home [at Leeds ArtForms] Information Sheet

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Ten Quick Things we'd like you to know about steelpans

1. Steelpans are metal musical instruments.
2. Steelpans are made from old oil drums [using purpose-built metal barrels proved no better quality and cost more].
3. Steelpans are percussion instruments.
4. Steelpans are played with wooden sticks with rubber tips.
5. Steelpans used to be called steel drums; they are often now just called pans.
6. Steelpans hang from stands.
7. The smaller steelpans can be singles, or doubles, or triples.
8. Bass pans can be doubles, triples, in fours or sixes.
9. Steelpans use the same notes as other instruments.
10. You can play any tune you like on a steelpan.

Answer the questions below in the right hand boxes:

1	What orchestral family do steelpans belong to?	
2	What do you call pans that hang in twos?	
3	What tunes can't you play on steelpans?	
4	What material are pans made from?	
5	What keeps steelpans hanging in the air?]	
6	What notes are different on steelpans?	
7	What did steelpans used to be called?	
8	What sort of steelpans can be in fours?	
9	What do you play steelpans with?	
10	What did steelpans used to be?	



