

# Rakatak

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The **Rakatak** is a percussion instrument that originates from Ghana. The rakatak is made of several calabash gourd shells attached to a long, narrow wooden shaft joined to the longer main wooden handle at a 90-degree angle. Rakataks are often used in traditional African or neo-pagan music.<sup>[1]</sup>



A Rakatak made of beech wood

## References

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