

## Key Worker Samba

Watch the video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltkS7ZuMUXw>

This video is by the group Sambando, a samba group based in Leicester.

How many instruments can you name?

What do you think the whistle is for?

Can you tell when the instruments are playing the same rhythms and different ones?

We are going to make up our own samba for Key Workers.

We will include an introduction, an ending and a middle section made up of different rhythms.

The instruments can be absolutely anything that makes a good sound, such as pots and pans, boxes and bins – get creative!

Listen to the Keyworker Samba recording. Here is some information about how it is made up.

Introduction – An eight-beat count in is followed by one rhythm played by all the instruments together. I chose ‘Thankyou key workers, you’re amazing.

Middle section – I have used four different rhythms on four instruments. They are each played one at a time then layered and played together. My rhythms are:

1. Thankyou, thankyou
2. Thanks for emptying my dustbins
3. NHS
4. Morrisons, Asda, Aldi

Ending – All the instruments finish together with one rhythm. I used ‘Thankyou key workers – I’m done”

Listen to the Keyworker Samba recording again. Can you spot each section and each rhythm? Did you spot the ending played on the cowbell to show the other instruments where to play it?

Choose one of the instruments to play along with, either clapping or make a percussion instrument (pots and pans could be useful here). Have a go at playing some of the other rhythms. You might want to play your rhythm on your clarinet, saxophone, recorder or ukuele too.

Try making up your own ‘thankyou’ rhythm and put it into the middle section of the samba. Remember to play the introduction and ending with the other instruments.

You might want to play some of your samba rhythms during the ‘Clap for Carers’ on Thursdays.