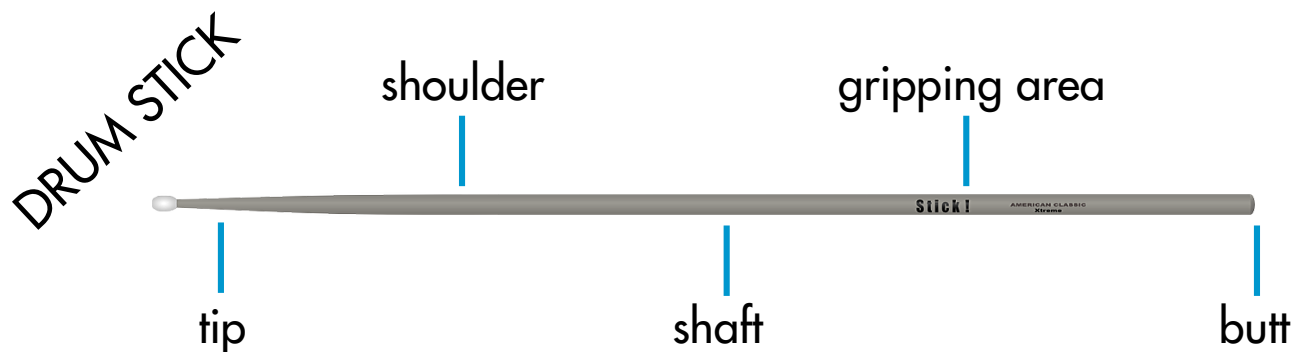


CARING FOR YOUR PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT

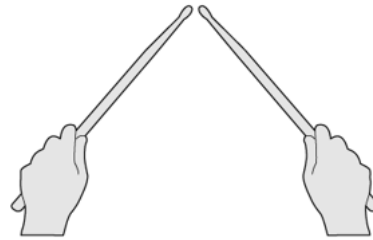


PREPARING YOUR DRUM PAD:

1. Place your drum pad on a flat surface that is about the height of your waistline.
2. Make sure that the flat surface you've chosen is sturdy.
3. Make sure that the drum head is facing up.
4. The screws on the drum pad can be adjusted with the help of a parent/guardian by using a flat head or Phillips screwdriver to ensure the proper amount of tension in the drum head.



HOLDING YOUR DRUM STICKS:



MATCHED GRIP

1. Lightly pinch each drum stick with your thumb and 1st finger at the gripping area. The tip should be facing away from you and the butt towards you.
2. Lightly wrap your remaining 3 fingers around each drum stick. These fingers will gently support your grip of the drum sticks and will be a part of the "stroke".

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH YOUR PERCUSSION INSTRUMENT:

- Place your instrument on the floor.
- Play your instrument while it is on a surface that is not flat or sturdy.
- Swing around your drum sticks or drum pad.
- Leave your instrument in the car or other place where it can be stolen.
- Place any object on top of the drum pad.
- Use your drum sticks on anything besides your drum pad.