

Discover Korean Instruments

The gayageum typically has 12 strings, though variations exist. The strings are stretched over movable bridges which adjust the pitch. Gayageum players pluck the strings while seated on the floor with the instrument resting across their lap; they use their right hand to pluck and strum the strings, while their left hand is used to press and bend them.

The piri is a double-reed instrument, made of a bamboo body with eight finger holes (seven on the front and one on the back). The player blows air through the reed to produce sound and the pitch is controlled by covering and uncovering the finger holes.



Piri



Gayageum