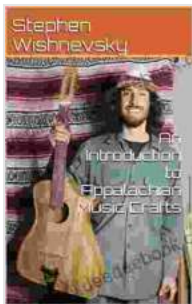


# An Introduction to Appalachian Music Crafts

The Appalachian region of the United States is a vast and diverse area that spans from the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to the Ohio River Valley. It's a region with a rich and unique musical heritage, and its traditional music crafts are an important part of that heritage.



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Appalachian music crafts encompass a wide range of instruments, building techniques, playing styles, and cultural traditions. From the iconic dulcimer to the soulful banjo, the music of Appalachia is as varied as the people who create it.

## Instruments of Appalachian Music

The most common instruments used in Appalachian music are the fiddle, banjo, dulcimer, guitar, and mandolin. These instruments are all relatively simple to build, and they can be made from a variety of materials. The fiddle is typically made from wood, while the banjo is made from a gourd or

a metal pot. The dulcimer is a fretted string instrument that is played by strumming or plucking the strings. The guitar and mandolin are both stringed instruments that are played by strumming or picking the strings.



## **Building Techniques**

The traditional building techniques used to create Appalachian instruments are as varied as the instruments themselves. Some instruments, such as the dulcimer, are made from a single piece of wood. Other instruments, such as the banjo, are made from a variety of materials, including wood, metal, and animal hide. The building techniques used to create these instruments have been passed down from generation to generation, and they are an important part of the Appalachian music tradition.



## Playing Styles

The playing styles used in Appalachian music are as unique as the instruments themselves. The fiddle is typically played in a high-pitched, energetic style, while the banjo is played in a more relaxed, rhythmic style. The dulcimer is often played in a slow, meditative style, while the guitar and mandolin are played in a variety of styles. The playing styles used in

Appalachian music are an important part of the region's musical heritage, and they continue to be used by musicians today.



### **Cultural Significance**

The music crafts of Appalachia are more than just a way to make music. They are an important part of the region's cultural heritage. These crafts have been passed down from generation to generation, and they continue

to be a vital part of the Appalachian community. The music crafts of Appalachia are a source of pride for the people of the region, and they are a reminder of the region's rich and unique history.



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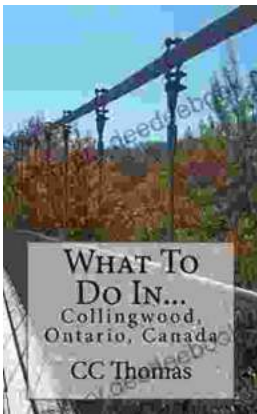
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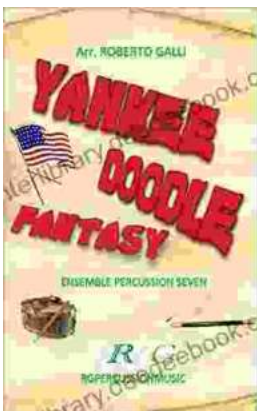
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