



Wolftracks



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In the shamanic traditions the drum is a magical and ritual tool in ceremony and healing. In the different traditions we find all kinds of drums. In Africa we find a tube like drum with a goatskin and the Siberian and Inuit shamans use a big oval shaped drum with reindeer skin. In making my drums I was inspired by the style of the North American natives. Their drums have a wooden frame and a skin of a deer, horse or cow.



The Drums

A personal drum for shamanic work has its own energy. In working with a drum you make a connection with it. The choice for a specific drum is a very personal process in which sound, color, smell, how it feels, and emotion are very important. In the process of making a drum I only use natural materials. The materials keep their own energies and contribute to the total energy of the drum.



Frame

My drums have a twelve sided shape with a diameter of +/- 19 inch (+/- 47 cm) and a height of +/- 3 inch (+/- 7cm).

The frame is made of twelve pieces of American Red Cedar. After gluing them together to form a circle, it is sanded to get rid of the sharp angles.



Skins

Most of the time I use horse or deer skin. The hair of the deerskin is removed to get a good sound. The hair on a horse skin is not always removed. Short hair doesn't effect the sound. Especially multi colored skins can give a very beautiful drum.



Bracing of the drum

The skin is connected to every side of the frame by a cord made of skin. These cords are also used to hold the grip in place on the back of the drum.



Grip

I use a piece of antler or branch of a tree as a grip for the drum. The pieces of branch I collect in the forest. I choose pieces with a honeysuckle grown around or in it. This gives a natural grown spiral in the wood.

Beaters

The beaters are also made of branches with honeysuckle. The head of the beater is made of tanned deerskin



Custom-build

A drum is a very personal tool. It is possible to make a drum especially for you. Personal wishes about size, more or less sided frame (for example 7 or 24), kind of wood, skin or grip can be looked at. Only restriction is the technical possibility and if the materials can be obtained.

Workshop

It is possible to make your own drum in a group or as individual. Contact me if you want to make your own drum.

Prizes

The prize for a standard drum depends on the used materials and the labor but will be between € 200, - and € 275, -. The prize of a custom built drum depends on the personal wishes.



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