

Woodwinds

The woodwinds produce tones by blowing air into a pipe or tube. Originally, all the woodwind instruments were made of wood. Except for the flute, these instruments use a thin piece of wood called a "reed" to produce sound. When the player blows across the reed, the reed vibrates and creates sound. The clarinet uses a single reed (just one piece of wood), while the oboe and bassoon use a type of reed made of two pieces of wood joined together.

