

Maori Stick Game/Dance (Ti Rakau)

Ti Rakau involves rhythmically tapping and throwing sticks. If played as a game (rather than learning for a performance) the difficulty or speed should be increased as the music progresses. The aim is to keep going for as long as possible without dropping your sticks.

You can make your own sticks from kitchen roll inners. We decorated ours using Maori patterns (see Maori rafter patterns) but we do not believe these patterns are traditionally used on the sticks.

The best way to learn how to use the sticks is to watch someone else. You may find the following youtube videos helpful:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=142cFuz7vMo>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMGMK02x5n4>

The music for 'E papa waiari' can be downloaded from

http://www.amazon.co.uk/E-Pap%C3%A4-Waiari/dp/B002GGHYEG/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=dmusic&qid=1269194755&sr=8-1

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<http://folksong.org.nz/epapa/index.html>

<http://www.mamalisa.com/?p=248&t=es&c=40>



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