



## 1-2-3 Ocarina Class Music Pack

For 36 ocarina players – with teaching resources – **\*Star Buy\***

**36 x Oc® 4-hole Ocarinas** and **36 x Play your Ocarina – Book 1 ‘Starting off’**

– supplied as three Ocarina Rainbow Starter Boxes™ for compact storage in class, together with:

**Flashcards** – of the first eight ocarina notes (the scale of D major)

**Play your Ocarina – Book 1 ‘Starting off’ with audio CD** to accompany class performances

**Ocarina-teaching CD-Rom Software** – for installation on one PC

**Teaching Notes** – in each Starter Box, plus CD-Rom user Guide – suitable for all class teachers

**36 x ‘1-2-3 Ocarina’ and ‘1-2-3 Ocarina Teacher’ with two CDs** – use the CDs to support your class’s playing

### PLEASE READ – before embarking on Ocarina teaching...

Ocarinas, ocarina music books and bespoke teaching resources are designed for use with groups of children of any age – generally a whole class at a time. Progress will be determined by the age of the children and amount of teaching / playing time allocated.

Ocarinas are most commonly played by children from Year 2 to Year 6.


Ocarinas arrive ready-to-use. You may like to number each Ocarina with indelible pen on the underside or a sticker on the string before allocating them – the Ocarinas should be returned to the boxes at the end of each lesson (or after being taken home) – number each compartment of the boxes and issue the same Ocarina to the same child next time they play or, if Ocarinas are to be used with more than one group, wipe the Ocarina with a dilute solution of sterilising fluid between classes / lessons. Dry thoroughly.

**Play your Ocarina – Book 1 ‘Starting off’** gives children opportunity to play well-known melodies fluently from the start whilst also becoming familiar with the musical stave. Reading from the charts is not a cheat – it is a well-endorsed and rapid route into high quality music-making for all. **‘1-2-3 Ocarina’** teaches staff-notation through tunes that require only one finger movement at a time to change the notes – CDs have an expansive feel and aid learning. Using both methods simultaneously ensures that all children learn well. Flashcards, audio CDs (for all the books) and ‘Play your Ocarina – Book 1’ CD-Rom Software all have important roles.

Each lesson should be as long as the children can manage – in ten minutes several tunes can be played.

Twenty minutes or half an hour will be optimum with Primary age children. In the first lesson introduce the children to the instruments and how to make a nice sound. You may find the Flashcards helpful for this (read the whole class teaching notes for how to use). These videos online are also helpful for first lessons:

<http://www.ocarina.co.uk/Ocarina-Tips/>    <http://www.ocarina.co.uk/first-notes/>    <http://www.ocarina.co.uk/tonguing/>

The ocarina sound blends well in large groups. Not everyone will play well straight away. Most importantly, everyone should learn to cover the holes fully, breathe warm breath into the ocarina to make a nice sound, and learn to read the ocarina notation correctly (you can check this by asking everyone to play the note A = ).

From your position at the front of the class you can encourage everyone to cover the two holes nearest the mouthpiece and leave the two hole nearest the Ocarina’s string O for Open!). Listen to each other play. You will see and hear who is playing accurately.

The teacher just needs to stay one step ahead of the class... familiarise yourself with all of the materials so you can include something of everything in each lesson. Remember:

- sing together first so everyone knows how a piece of music should sound before you play it
- the tunes Play your Ocarina – Book 1 are all on the CD-Rom software
- the CD-Rom has four different music-screen views to choose from and backings at three different speeds
- the tunes in ‘1-2-3 Ocarina’ require very simple finger movements to change the notes and are easier to play
- start and end each lesson with something familiar so you grow in confidence and enjoy music-making
- children with additional needs can play ocarinas – we even have an Ocarina for one-handed use, just ask
- progress will differ from class to class / child to child / teacher to teacher – we are here to support you:

**If you get ‘stuck’ or are ‘unsure’ please ring David and Christa Liggins on their direct line: 01536-415543**  
**[www.ocarina.co.uk](http://www.ocarina.co.uk) also has a lot of helpful tips.**