

Students are required to own the following items to be able to progress in drum lessons.

All the items listed are available direct from Mark Gillett.

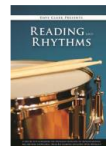
Drum Sticks, Practice Pads and Stands are available at most music shops if you choose to purchase elsewhere.

Students also need an A4 Display Folder (preferably with a binder so it stays open) for individual sheet music.

A4 Display Folders are available at Office supplies and supermarkets.

Required items...

- \$25.00 **Reading & Rhythms Workbook** by Dave Clark
\$25.00 **Workbook #1** by Dave Clark
\$20.00 **Drum Sticks** - Vic Firth Model 7A & 5A available
Black and White colour sticks may be available



Optional items...

- \$25.00 **Practice Pad** – Evans Apprentice 7”
\$25.00 **Music Stand** – Foldable



Note: The books are not available in shops, I purchase them direct from the author for students.

Students learn on drum kits and are asked to practice each week therefore as soon as it is possible please purchase a 5 piece drum kit with Hi-Hats, Crash and Ride cymbals.

Second hand drum kits are common for beginners until they earn a new one.

Electronic drum kits are great if noise is a factor.

Acoustic drum kits are noisy but great! Go with this option if you can for “real drums”.

Keep in mind new electronic and new acoustic drums under \$1,000 can be very ordinary. The electronic drums don't simulate a real kit good enough until the \$2,000 range and decent real sounding acoustic drum kits begin around \$1,400.

Students are required to bring the following items to their lessons;

Reading and Rhythms book, Workbook #1, their A4 Display Folder and their Drumming Diary (Mark will provide students with their diary).

Please encourage your children to practice their homework every day for a minimum 5 minutes. This usually turns into longer on the student's behalf!

Students should first practice their rudiments, then their reading sheet (preferably on a practice pad and with a metronome), then move to the drum kit and practice their drum kit homework. Finally, free time to get creative, play their favourite beats/fills/solos, and try drumming along with their favourite songs (Highly recommended).

Please encourage children to wear ear muffs when drumming on real kits, they have to when they're with Mark! Isolation headphones are great for playing along with music on real drum kits (available at most music stores).

Don't forget to visit Mark's website for information.

Regards, Mark