

Interesting facts (Flute)

1. Do you know which material is used in flute crafting?

From ancient times, materials like wood, bones, glass, plastic, and [bamboo](#) have been used in crafting [flutes](#). Nowadays, flutes are constructed of silver and nickel. Silver is used for crafting professional-grade flutes.

2. Who developed the modern concert flute?

The modern flute and its key system were developed in by a German man, [Theobald Boehm, in 1847](#). The design made by him led to an improvement in the tone and workability of the flute. Modern day flute designs are based on a design made by Theobald Boehm.

3. Which types of flute?

Flutes are of two main types – side-blown flutes and end-blown flutes. Side-blown flutes have to hold horizontally while end-blown flutes have to hold vertically. Concert Flute, Piccolo, Alto Flute, bass flute, Contra alto flute, Contra bass flute, Subcontra bass flute, Treble flute, Dizi, bansuri, and Baroque flutes come as sideblown flutes, also called transverse flutes. Bansuri, kaval, Pan Flute, Shakuhachi, Ney, Xiao, Native American Flute, and Recorder come under end-blown flutes, also called fipple flutes.

4. When did the use of the flute start?

The [flutes](#) were in use from the [paleolithic period](#). Flutes were crafted from bones, mainly bird bones and the femurs of big animals like cave bears. The documented evidence reveals that about 9000 years ago, flutes were used in China. In India, the flute has been utilized since Vedic times, around 1500 BCE. Bamboo flutes were utilized in ceremonies.

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