Guía pedagógica de los *ritmos* del *mundo*

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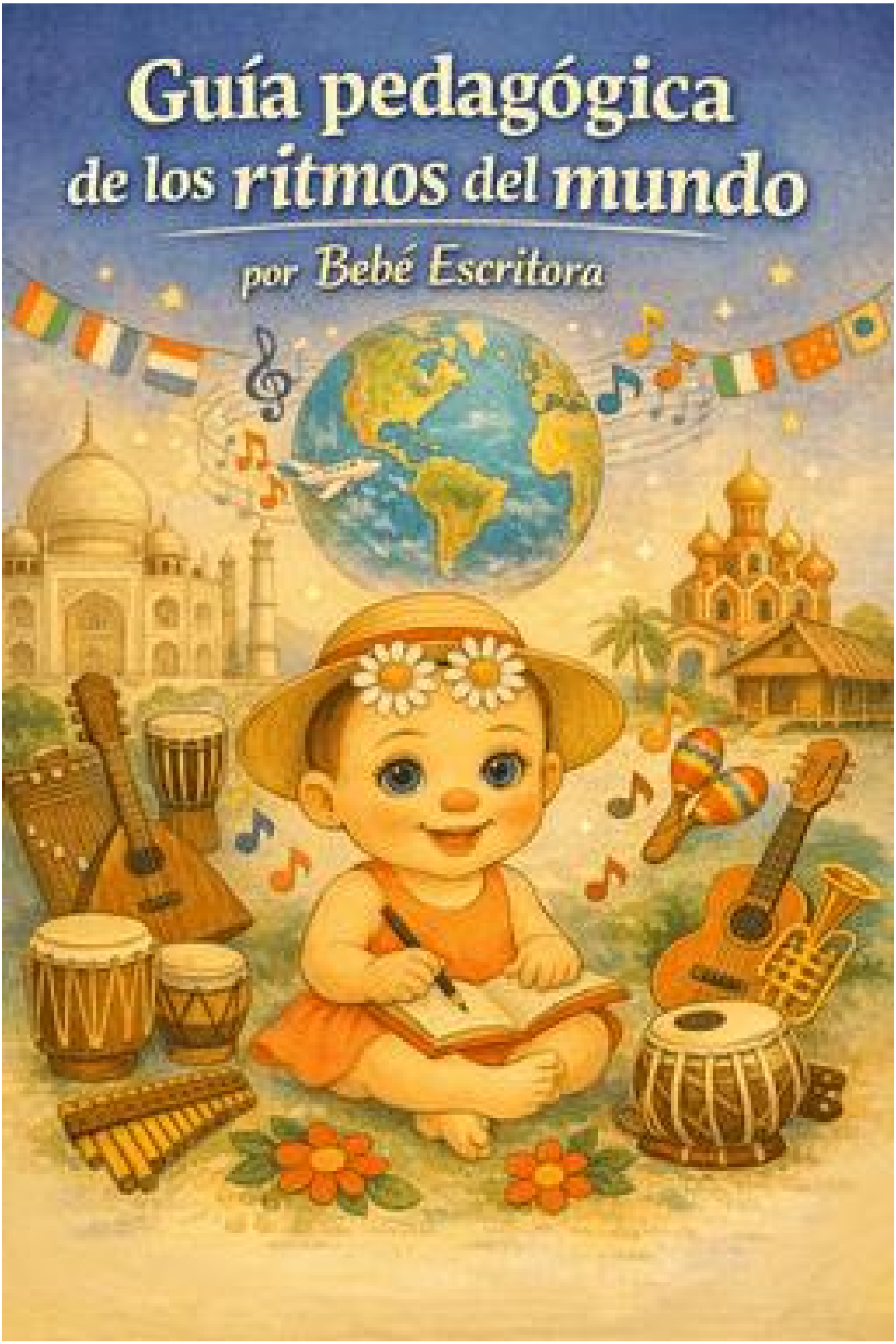

EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSICAL EDUCATION

Pedagogical Guide to the Rhythms of the World

by Baby Wrier

FOREWORD

> *"Hello... I'm Baby Writer. Maybe you're surprised that a baby is writing you a foreword, but I've learned so many things through music that my tiny little heart wants to share them with you.*
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> *When I was even smaller, I didn't know how to say words, but I did know how to feel them. My body understood before my mouth did: the drums that made me move my feet, the songs that calmed me down, the rhythms that sparked my laughter, and the melodies that made me look at my family with even more love.*
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> *I don't know music theory... but I know about hugs, eye contact, arms that carry me, voices that sing to me, and hands that accompany me when music plays.*
>
> *That's why I'm writing this little bit for you, who are grown up. Because everything you do—even if it seems small—stays stored inside us babies. And when you choose a rhythm, when you lower the volume, when you tap the beat with your hand, when you dance with me, when you look at me while we listen... I learn.*
>
> *I learn about the world, culture, calm, movement, joy, and you.*
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> *This book isn't meant to turn you into an expert. It's meant to make you feel accompanied, just like I feel accompanied when you are near.*
>
> *I'm telling you what I felt, what I discovered, and what I think can help other babies like me. You bring the love... and I bring the words."*

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1. INTRODUCTION

> *"Hello... I'm Baby Writer. I know I'm tiny, but I've listened to so much music since I was born that I want to tell you what I discovered while growing up among songs, rhythms, and hugs.*
>
> *This book is for you, who are grown up. Here I'm not coming to teach you theory, but to show you in my baby words how rhythms of the world can accompany little ones.*
>
> *In these pages I tell you: how one same song can travel through many rhythms, how each rhythm has a country, a story, and a special sound, and how you can use that music to play, calm, move, hug, and accompany.*
>
> *I explain to you what I felt when I listened to each rhythm, what my body did without me asking it to, and what I think can help other babies like me.*
>
> *This book is simple, yet full of important things: how to observe a child when listening, how to choose a rhythm according to the moment, how to create musical routines at home, and how the diversity of sounds opens the mind and heart.*
>
> *I hope these pages keep you company. I bring my tiny experience... and you bring your big love."*

2. THE BASE SONG

Identity

> *"My base song is like my musical name. It's the first one I heard many times, the one that stayed with me when I still didn't know how to crawl, the one that made me feel safe even though I didn't understand the words.*
>
> *Every baby has a song they recognize before others. Mine was born to tell who I am: that I'm curious, that I like to move, that I love to listen, and that I want to travel around the world with my rhythms.*
>
> *This song is my musical identity. It's like my little face, only made of sound."*

Purpose

> *"My base song isn't just for singing. It has a big purpose, even though I'm tiny. It helps us babies learn:*
>
> - *to recognize patterns,*
> - *to feel the beat,*
> - *to move our bodies with intention,*
> - *to anticipate what comes next,*
> - *to connect with the person accompanying us.*
>
> *When an adult sings this song with me, I feel like they're telling me: 'I'm here. I hear you. I'm with you.' That is its prettiest purpose."*

How It Transforms into Rhythms

> *"The most magical thing about my song is that it changes clothes. Sometimes it puts on salsa, other times flamenco, other times cumbia, other times pop, and even gentle rhythms for doing yoga.*
>
> *But even when it changes rhythm, the song stays the same. It's like when I put on a red dress or a blue one: I'm still me.*
>
> *When the song changes rhythm, my body learns new things: to move fast, to move slowly, to jump, to sway, to breathe, to imagine.*
>
> *That's why I say my song travels around the world. Because each rhythm teaches my heart something different."*

How to Listen to It with Babies

> *"Listening to this song with a baby is very easy, and also very important. Here's what helped me when I was even smaller:*
>
> - ***Lower the volume.*** *Babies hear better when loud sounds don't startle us.*
> - ***Look at me while it plays.*** *Your gaze tells me we're in this together.*
> - ***Tap the beat with your hand.*** *On my back, on my little leg, on my little hand. That's how I learn without words.*
> - ***Move with me.*** *If you sway, I want to imitate you.*
> - ***Make pauses.*** *When the music stops, I learn to wait.*
> - ***Change the rhythm with me.*** *If the song gets fast, I get excited. If it gets slow, I calm down.*
> - ***Talk just a little.*** *The music is already telling me so many things.*
>
> *Listening to this song together is like playing without toys. Just you, me... and the rhythm embracing us."*

3. RHYTHMS OF THE WORLD

Many are the rhythms of the world that, thanks to my family, I've been able to enjoy; I've listened to a lot of them, so with all the seriousness in the world, from my little baby words, I suggest to you, parent or educator, to visit this chapter so you learn about each rhythm: Country or culture of origin, its typical instruments, what we children learn, what it stimulates in babies, how to accompany listening, how to use it in movement, how to use it for calm, how to use it in play, how to integrate it into the daily routine, and even a bit of cultural and musical curiosity.

Rhythms for Calm

Yoga • Japanese ballad • Cuban trova • Romantic ballad • Andean music • Country/rural music

1. Yoga Inspired by India – “Breathing”

Dimension	Details
Rhythm name	Gentle musical yoga
Country or culture of origin	India
Typical instruments	Sitar, tanpura, bansuri flute, bowls, small bells, harmonium
What the child learns	• To breathe more slowly. • To recognize long, sustained sounds. • To feel their body without moving too much. • To enter a state of calm attention.

Dimension	Details
What it stimulates in babies	• Emotional regulation. • Lowered heart rate. • Sense of security. • Deep connection with the adult.
How to accompany listening	• Hold the baby close to your chest. • Breathe slowly so they imitate you. • Tap the beat with your hand on their back. • Avoid talking: let the music do the work.
How to use it in movement	• Gentle swaying. • Slow circular movements. • Assisted stretches.
How to use it for calm	• After crying. • Before sleep. • During moments of sensory overload.
How to use it in play	• “Breathe with me” games. • Playing small bells or long sounds.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• Upon waking. • Before bath time. • During nap time.
Cultural curiosity	In India, yoga music is used to unite body, mind, and breath.
Musical curiosity	Long, sustained sounds help the infant brain organize calm.

2. Japanese Ballad – “Breeze”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Japan
Typical instruments	Koto, shakuhachi, shamisen, metal bowls
What the child learns	• To listen to silences. • To recognize delicate melodies. • To feel music like a gentle wind.
What it stimulates in babies	• Fine attention. • Deep relaxation. • Sense of lightness.
How to accompany listening	• Keep the room dimly lit. • Stroke their forehead or hand. • Breathe to the rhythm of the melody.
How to use it in movement	• Slow arm movements like “waves.” • Minimal swaying.

Dimension	Details
How to use it for calm	• To wind down. • To accompany moments of sensitivity.
How to use it in play	• “Blowing breezes” games. • Moving soft scarves.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• After bath time. • Before reading a story.
Cultural curiosity	Japanese music values silence just as much as sound.
Musical curiosity	The shakuhachi imitates the wind: that is why it is so calming.

3. Cuban Trova – “Poetry”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Cuba
Typical instruments	Guitar, Cuban tres, soft voice, minimal percussion
What the child learns	• To listen to clear lyrics. • To recognize narrative melodies. • To feel music like a story.
What it stimulates in babies	• Language. • Emotional bond. • Sustained attention.
How to accompany listening	• Sing to them too. • Look them in the eyes. • Tap the rhythm with your hand.
How to use it in movement	• Gentle swaying. • Slow walks while carrying them.
How to use it for calm	• To lull them. • To accompany emotions.
How to use it in play	• “Echo” games: you sing, they respond.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• Before sleep. • During moments of connection.
Cultural curiosity	Trova was born to tell stories with a guitar.
Musical curiosity	A soft, close voice activates attachment areas in the infant brain.

4. Romantic Ballad – “Tenderness”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Latin America
Typical instruments	Piano, strings, soft voice, minimal percussion
What the child learns	• To recognize long melodies. • To feel gentle emotions. • To anticipate choruses.
What it stimulates in babies	• Affection. • Security. • Emotional regulation.
How to accompany listening	• Hug them. • Sing softly. • Stroke their back.
How to use it in movement	• Slow swaying. • Short steps.
How to use it for calm	• For sleep. • To comfort.
How to use it in play	• “I hug you and let you go” games.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• At night. • During moments of nostalgia.
Cultural curiosity	The ballad is a genre born to express tenderness.
Musical curiosity	Descending melodies help relax the nervous system.

5. Andean Music – “Altitude”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador
Typical instruments	Quena, zampoña (pan flute), charango, bombo (drum)
What the child learns	• To tell air sounds apart. • To listen to clean melodies. • To feel music like a landscape.
What it stimulates in babies	• Imaginación / Imagination. • Calm. • Sense of spaciousness.
How to accompany listening	• Move your hands as if flying. • Breathe deeply. • Keep the environment calm.

Dimension	Details
How to use it in movement	• Broad swaying. • Circular movements.
How to use it for calm	• To relax after active play.
How to use it in play	• “Little mountains” games with fabrics.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• On walks. • During moments of contemplation.
Cultural curiosity	Andean music imitates nature: wind, mountains, birds.
Musical curiosity	Zampoñas produce a sound reminiscent of high-altitude wind.

6. Country / Rural Music (*Música campesina*) – “Earth”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Caribbean, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic
Typical instruments	Guitar, güiro, maracas, bongo
What the child learns	• To recognize organic rhythms. • To feel music as roots. • To listen to repetitive patterns.
What it stimulates in babies	• Security. • Connection with everyday life. • Sense of home.
How to accompany listening	• Sing to them too. • Tap the rhythm with gentle handclaps. • Smile while it plays.
How to use it in movement	• Rhythmic swaying. • Short little steps.
How to use it for calm	• To accompany quiet activities.
How to use it in play	• Games with maracas. • Gentle taps on the table.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• In the morning. • While cooking or doing chores.
Cultural curiosity	Rural music is born from work, the land, and everyday life.
Musical curiosity	The güiro imitates the sound of scraping the earth.

Rhythms for Energy

Reggaeton • Conga • Merengue • Electrofunk/Poprock • Classic rock • Salsa

1. Puerto Rican Reggaeton – “Flow”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Puerto Rico
Typical instruments	Electronic beats, digital percussion, synthesizers, vocal effects
What the child learns	• To follow repetitive patterns. • To anticipate rhythmic changes. • To coordinate quick movements.
What it stimulates in babies	• Energy. • Joy. • Spontaneous movement.
How to accompany listening	• Tap the beat with handclaps. • Smile and move with them. • Pause so the baby can “respond.”
How to use it in movement	• Gentle little hops. • Hip movements. • “Follow me” games.
How to use it for calm	• Lower the volume. • Use only the instrumental track. • Slow swaying to the rhythm.
How to use it in play	• Imitation games. • Rhythmic taps on the table. • Short dances.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• Before physical activities. • To liven up the morning. • For cleaning up or tidying.
Cultural curiosity	Reggaeton was born from mixing Caribbean rhythms, hip hop, and reggae.
Musical curiosity	Its main rhythmic pattern is called “dembow,” and it is great for helping babies follow the beat.

2. Cuban Conga – “Parade”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Cuba
Typical instruments	Conga drums, bells, trumpets, choruses
What the child learns	• To follow strong beats. • To move in a group. • To feel music as a celebration.

Dimension	Details
What it stimulates in babies	• Coordination. • Laughter. • Social participation.
How to accompany listening	• Walk keeping the rhythm. • Use firm handclaps. • Invite the baby to “parade.”
How to use it in movement	• Marching. • Big steps. • Foot stomps.
How to use it for calm	• Lower the volume. • Use only the instrumental part. • Slow swaying.
How to use it in play	• “Parade” games. • Playing soft drums. • Following the adult in a line.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• For picking up toys. • To liven up the afternoon. • For walking together.
Cultural curiosity	Conga is danced in the streets during carnivals.
Musical curiosity	Its repetitive rhythm invites collective movement.

3. Dominican Merengue – “Explosion”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Dominican Republic
Typical instruments	Tambora, güira, accordion, saxophone
What the child learns	• To follow fast rhythms. • To coordinate arms and legs. • To move with energy.
What it stimulates in babies	• Motor activation. • Intense joy. • Quick body response.
How to accompany listening	• Tap the rhythm with your hand. • Make short, fast movements. • Laugh and exaggerate gestures.
How to use it in movement	• Quick little steps. • Little hops. • Circular movements.

Dimension	Details
How to use it for calm	• Lower the volume. • Use only the accordion. • Gentle swaying.
How to use it in play	• “Fast-slow” games. • Imitating sounds with the mouth. • Short dances.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• To wake up. • To energize low-energy moments.
Cultural curiosity	Merengue is Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.
Musical curiosity	The tambora sets a rhythm that invites you to move without thinking.

4. Electrofunk + Poprock – “Spark”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	United States, Europe
Typical instruments	Electric guitars, synthesizers, drums, bass
What the child learns	• To recognize electronic sounds. • To distinguish musical layers. • To move with controlled energy.
What it stimulates in babies	• Curiosity. • Exploration. • Creative movement.
How to accompany listening	• Make big gestures. • Tap the rhythm with your feet. • Invite the baby to “ignite the spark.”
How to use it in movement	• Jumps. • Free movements. • Turns.
How to use it for calm	• Use acoustic versions. • Lower the volume. • Gentle swaying.
How to use it in play	• “Robot” games. • Imitating electronic sounds. • Made-up dances.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• To liven up tasks. • For afternoon play.
Cultural curiosity	Electrofunk blends traditional funk with electronic sounds.
Musical curiosity	Synthesizers create sounds that stimulate auditory curiosity.

5. Classic Rock – “Strength”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	United States, United Kingdom
Typical instruments	Electric guitar, drums, bass, powerful vocals
What the child learns	• To tell loud and soft sounds apart. • To follow drum patterns. • To move with strength.
What it stimulates in babies	• Energy. • Body expression. • Emotional release.
How to accompany listening	• Nod to the rhythm. • Gently tap the floor. • Make exaggerated gestures.
How to use it in movement	• Big jumps. • Arm movements. • “Air guitar.”
How to use it for calm	• Use acoustic versions. • Lower the volume. • Slow swaying.
How to use it in play	• “Rock band” games. • Tapping cushions like drums.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• To release pent-up energy. • Before physical activities.
Cultural curiosity	Rock was born as a form of freedom and expression.
Musical curiosity	Rock drumming sets patterns that are easy for children to follow.

6. Cuban Salsa – “Flavor” (*Sabor*)

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Cuba
Typical instruments	Congas, bongo, timbales, piano, bass, trumpets, claves
What the child learns	• To follow complex patterns. • To coordinate movements. • To feel music as play.
What it stimulates in babies	• Joy. • Movement. • Social connection.

Dimension	Details
How to accompany listening	• Tap the beat with handclaps. • Take side steps. • Smile and exaggerate gestures.
How to use it in movement	• Side steps. • Hip swaying. • Circular movements.
How to use it for calm	• Use instrumental parts. • Lower the volume. • Gentle swaying.
How to use it in play	• “Follow me” games. • Partner dances. • Rhythmic taps.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• To liven up the morning. • For cleaning up or tidying.
Cultural curiosity	Salsa blends African, Caribbean, and Latin roots.
Musical curiosity	The 3-2 or 2-3 clave organizes the whole music and is ideal for rhythmic learning.

Rhythms to Imagine

Flamenco • Russian folklore • Electro Swing • Universal children's pop • African percussion

1. Spanish Flamenco – “Presence”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Spain (Andalusia)
Typical instruments	Flamenco guitar, handclaps (*palmas*), cajón, heelwork (*taconeo*), deep vocals
What the child learns	• To feel music as emotion. • To recognize strong contrasts (silence/burst). • To perceive inner strength.
What it stimulates in babies	• Intense attention. • Curiosity. • Sense of “being here.”
How to accompany listening	• Tap soft handclaps. • Make dramatic pauses. • Look at the baby with clear expression.
How to use it in movement	• Gentle foot taps. • Arm movements “like wings.” • Marked steps.

Dimension	Details
How to use it for calm	• Use soft guitars. • Lower the volume. • Slow swaying with pauses.
How to use it in play	• “Presence” games: appearing/disappearing. • Imitated handclaps.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• To spark creative energy. • Before artistic activities.
Cultural curiosity	Flamenco was born as a deep expression of identity and emotion.
Musical curiosity	Silences in flamenco are just as important as its bursts.

2. Russian Folklore – “Legend”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Russia
Typical instruments	Balalaika, accordion, domra, choral voices
What the child learns	• To listen to narrative melodies. • To feel music like an ancient tale. • To recognize circular patterns.
What it stimulates in babies	• Imagination. • Sustained attention. • Sense of story.
How to accompany listening	• Move your hands as if telling a story. • Change facial expressions. • Make broad gestures.
How to use it in movement	• Broad steps. • Circular movements. • Rhythmic swaying.
How to use it for calm	• Use instrumental versions. • Lower the volume. • Stroke their head.
How to use it in play	• “Characters” games. • Moving dolls/toys to the rhythm.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• Before reading stories. • During moments of free imagination.
Cultural curiosity	Russian folklore is full of stories of heroes, forests, and magical creatures.
Musical curiosity	The balalaika produces a bright sound that invites imagining cold, luminous landscapes.

3. Electro Swing with a Narrative Touch – “Style”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Europe and United States (inspired by 1920s–1940s swing)
Typical instruments	Horns (trumpet, saxophone), double bass, drums, modern synthesizers
What the child learns	• To recognize blends of old and new. • To follow bouncy rhythms. • To move with their own style.
What it stimulates in babies	• Joy. • Creativity. • Spontaneous movement.
How to accompany listening	• Make theatrical gestures. • Tap the rhythm with your fingers. • Smile broadly.
How to use it in movement	• Little hops. • Shoulder movements. • Small turns.
How to use it for calm	• Use softer versions. • Lower the volume. • Swaying with pauses.
How to use it in play	• “Era” games: hats, scarves. • Made-up dances.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• To liven up the morning. • For playing after meals.
Cultural curiosity	Electro swing revives classic swing with modern sounds.
Musical curiosity	Its bouncy rhythm is great for stimulating coordination.

4. Universal Children's Pop – “Play”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Global
Typical instruments	Synthesizers, light percussion, clear vocals, fun effects
What the child learns	• To follow simple melodies. • To recognize repetitive structures. • To sing short phrases.
What it stimulates in babies	• Language. • Joy. • Active participation.

Dimension	Details
How to accompany listening	• Sing along with them. • Make big gestures. • Tap the rhythm with handclaps.
How to use it in movement	• Jumps. • Free movements. • Imitation games.
How to use it for calm	• Use acoustic versions. • Lower the volume. • Gentle swaying.
How to use it in play	• “Echo” games. • Made-up dances. • Hand games.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• In the morning. • During free-play activities.
Cultural curiosity	Children's pop draws elements from many genres to make them accessible.
Musical curiosity	Repetitive melodies help language development.

5. African Percussion – “Root”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	West Africa
Typical instruments	Djembe, dunun, kalimba, shekere
What the child learns	• To recognize complex rhythmic patterns. • To feel music through the body. • To tell low and high sounds apart.
What it stimulates in babies	• Coordination. • Energy. • Deep connection with rhythm.
How to accompany listening	• Tap the beat with your hands. • Gently tap the floor. • Make broad gestures.
How to use it in movement	• Jumps. • Leg movements. • Strong swaying.
How to use it for calm	• Use kalimba or soft percussion. • Lower the volume. • Slow swaying.

Dimension	Details
How to use it in play	• “Drums” games. • Tapping on the table. • Imitating rhythms.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• To release energy. • Before physical activities.
Cultural curiosity	African percussion is a form of community communication.
Musical curiosity	Polyrhythmic patterns stimulate brain coordination.

Rhythms to Embrace

Mexican cumbia • Mexican ranchera • Traditional Mexican

1. Mexican Cumbia – “Swaying”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Mexico (with roots in Colombia)
Typical instruments	Accordion, güiro, soft percussion, electric bass, trumpets
What the child learns	• To follow undulating rhythms. • To coordinate gentle, repetitive movements. • To feel music like a back-and-forth motion.
What it stimulates in babies	• Emotional regulation. • Sense of security. • Affectionate connection with the adult.
How to accompany listening	• Sway the baby from side to side. • Tap the rhythm with soft handclaps. • Smile while holding them.
How to use it in movement	• Slow swaying. • Short, circular steps. • Arm movements like “waves.”
How to use it for calm	• Lower the volume. • Use instrumental versions. • Stroke their back to the rhythm.
How to use it in play	• “Up and down” games. • Moving scarves to the rhythm. • Partner dances.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• After bath time. • Before sleep. • During moments of emotional sensitivity.
Cultural curiosity	Mexican cumbia became a symbol of family celebration and community.

Dimension	Details
Musical curiosity	Its undulating rhythm imitates the movement of water, which is why it is so relaxing.

2. Mexican Ranchera – “Passion”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Mexico
Typical instruments	Guitar, vihuela, trumpets, violins, guitarrón
What the child learns	• To recognize intense emotions in music. • To tell broad, expressive melodies apart. • To feel music like a story.
What it stimulates in babies	• Emotional expression. • Deep attention. • Affectionate bond.
How to accompany listening	• Sing to them too. • Look at the baby with clear expressions. • Tap the rhythm with your hand.
How to use it in movement	• Broad swaying. • Arm movements “like wings.” • Marked steps.
How to use it for calm	• Use soft versions. • Lower the volume. • Stroke their head.
How to use it in play	• “Echo” games: you sing, they respond. • Theatrical movements.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• During moments of emotional connection. • Before reading stories. • On quiet afternoons.
Cultural curiosity	Ranchera expresses love, identity, and courage.
Musical curiosity	Ranchera trumpets produce a sound that stirs emotion even in babies.

3. Traditional Mexican – “Pride”

Dimension	Details
Country or culture of origin	Mexico
Typical instruments	Guitar, violin, trumpets, harp, guitarrón, strong vocals

Dimension	Details
What the child learns	• To recognize ceremonial music. • To feel the strength of cultural identity. • To tell solemn and festive rhythms apart.
What it stimulates in babies	• Presence. • Security. • Connection with family roots.
How to accompany listening	• Keep the baby close to your chest. • Tap the beat with your hand. • Talk little: let the music speak.
How to use it in movement	• Slow, steady steps. • Intentional swaying. • Broad arm movements.
How to use it for calm	• Use instrumental parts. • Lower the volume. • Gentle swaying.
How to use it in play	• “Little hat” games. • Parade movements. • Imitating ceremonial gestures.
How to integrate it into the daily routine	• At family celebrations. • During moments of cultural pride. • Before artistic activities.
Cultural curiosity	Traditional Mexican music honors roots, history, and community.
Musical curiosity	Its broad melodies help babies recognize long patterns.

4. HOW TO CREATE MUSICAL MOMENTS AT HOME

> *"Hello... I'm Baby Writer. I know I'm tiny, but I've experienced so many musical moments with my family that I want to tell you a secret: music isn't only listened to... it's also lived.*
>
> *Sometimes music arrives when they wake me up with a soft little song, other times when we play and laugh, other times when they carry and sway me, and other times when they hug me tight and sing softly.*
>
> *You don't need special instruments, or to know how to sing perfectly, or to have lots of time. You just need to be with me... and let music come in the way light comes through the window.*
>
> *In this chapter I tell you in my little baby words how you can make music come alive in your home: in routines, in games, in activities, and in those rituals that stay stored in the heart.*
>
> *I show you what made me feel safe, what helped me learn, and what made me smile without knowing why. You bring the big love... and I bring my tiny little discoveries."*

And now we enter the technical, clear, and practical part for the adult.

Routines

Music makes routines predictable, gentle, and affectionate.

- **Waking up:** Soft songs, slow melodies, warm voices. The baby learns that the day starts calmly.
- **Bath time:** Undulating rhythms, gentle cumbia, Andean music. Water and music become play.
- **Mealtime:** Short, repetitive songs. They help anticipate turns and maintain attention.
- **Bedtime:** Japanese ballad, gentle trova, musical yoga. The body winds down.
- **Picking up toys:** Conga, gentle salsa, children's pop. Music turns a chore into play.

Games

Music is an invisible toy that always works.

- **Musical echo:** You sing a phrase, the baby responds with sounds.
- **Hand game:** Handclaps, light taps, simple rhythms.
- **Shadows and lights:** Gentle music + hand movements on the wall.
- **Made-up dances:** The baby creates movements and you imitate them.
- **Sound objects:** Maracas, spoons, boxes, scarves.

Activities

Music accompanies exploration and learning.

- **Painting with music:** Slow rhythms → long strokes. Fast rhythms → dots and jumps.
- **Walking with rhythm:** Short, long, fast, slow steps.
- **Exploring textures:** Andean music + soft fabrics. African percussion + firm objects.
- **Building:** Instrumental music for concentration.

Rituals

Rituals are moments that repeat and become memory.

- **Musical hug ritual:** A set song for hugging the same way every time.
- **Goodbye ritual:** A soft melody before sleep.
- **Welcome ritual:** A song for when mom, dad, or a caregiver arrives.
- **Calm ritual:** Breathing together with yoga music.

5. HOW TO OBSERVE THE CHILD WHILE LISTENING

> *"Hello... I'm Baby Writer. When I listen to music, my body speaks even though I don't have words. Sometimes my eyes open very wide, sometimes my hands stay still, sometimes I move without thinking, and sometimes I need a hug.*
>
> *We babies don't say 'I like this,' or 'this is too loud,' or 'I want more.' But we do show it.*
>
> *In this chapter I tell you in my tiny little words how you can look at my body, my little face, and my gestures to know if the music is helping me, exciting me, or if you need to change it.*
>
> *It's not hard. You just have to look at me with love... and I'll tell you everything without speaking."*

Signs of Interest

When a baby is interested, their body gently lights up.

- Eyes wide open.
- Gaze fixed on the adult or on a point.
- Spontaneous smile.
- Hands moving as if "testing the air."
- Legs kicking gently.
- Short sounds: "ah," "eh," "mmm."
- Body leaning forward.

What it means: "I like this. I want to keep listening."

Signs of Calm

Calm is a gift music can give.

- Slower breathing.
- Relaxed body.
- Open hands.
- Head resting on the adult.
- Soft or sleepy gaze.
- Undulating movements.
- Quiet silence.

What it means: "I'm okay. I feel safe. The music is hugging me."

Signs of Overstimulation

Sometimes music is too much for a tiny body.

- Turning the head to the other side.
- Frowning.
- Tense hands or closed fists.
- Abrupt movements.
- Sudden crying.
- Yawns that aren't from sleepiness.
- Distant or restless gaze.
- Trying to pull away.

What it means: “It's too much. I need you to lower the volume, change the rhythm, or hug me.”

How to Adjust the Rhythm

Babies don't change the music... but you can do it for us.

If the baby is interested:

- Keep the rhythm.
- Repeat the song.
- Add a new gesture.
- Invite them to participate.

If the baby is calm:

- Lower the volume a little.
- Keep gentle movements.
- Don't talk too much.
- Let the calm last.

If the baby is overstimulated:

- Lower the volume immediately.
- Switch to a slower rhythm.
- Use instrumental music.
- Carry or hug them.
- Take deep breaths so they imitate you.

If the baby is confused:

- Keep a single stimulus (only music, no talking).
- Tap the beat with your hand.
- Wait a few seconds before changing.

Closing of This Section

> *"When you look at me while I listen to music, I feel accompanied. It doesn't matter if I'm tiny: my body tells you everything.*
>
> *Just look at me... and I'll tell you with my gestures what my heart feels."*

6. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

> *"Hello... I'm Baby Writer. Sometimes, after listening to lots of songs, I want to go back to my favorites, or watch a little video, or listen to a story with music, or open a little book to keep me company.*
>
> *So I'm leaving you some resources here so you can keep playing with me, learning with me, and accompanying me with music at every moment."*

Playlist

> *"Here you can find all the songs and rhythms I listened to in this constellation. If one day you want to dance, another day you want to calm me down, or you simply want me to explore new sounds, the playlist is there for you.*
>
> *To listen to all the songs, visit: www.bebeescritora.com → Orbital Station Red Rainbow → Constellation One song, many rhythms, the adults' section"*

Videos

> *"Sometimes I like to see how instruments move, how people dance, or how the song changes when the rhythm changes. Videos help me understand with my eyes what I hear with my ears."*

Since, even though I'm little, I know some parents enjoy exploring while others already have favorite platforms, I encourage you to look for resources matching these descriptions:

- Videos of rhythms of the world
- Videos of instruments
- Videos narrated by Baby Writer
- Videos of musical stories

And don't forget:

> *"On the Baby Writer website you'll find videos and audiobooks created especially for this constellation. If they aren't available yet, they'll arrive soon."*

Audiobooks

> *"When I'm a little tired, I like having stories told to me with music. Audiobooks are like stories that travel through my ears."*

- Audio stories by Baby Writer
- Gentle narrations for sleep
- Musical stories by rhythm

Visit the Baby Writer website...

Downloadable Material

> *"If you want to play with me without internet, you can download these little things: drawings, cards, games, and even little guides to accompany me."*

- Rhythm cards
- Mini-guide to accompany listening
- Coloring pages by rhythm
- Instrument sheets
- Activities for babies and children

And don't forget:

> *"On the Baby Writer website—it's a living site that grows and develops—you'll constantly find new articles, exercises, sheets, and bibliography created especially for this constellation and for others that might relate to it. If they aren't available yet, they'll arrive soon."*

7. CLOSING

> *"Thank you for making it this far. I'm tiny, but you came with me on a big journey: a journey through rhythms, cultures, emotions, and hugs."*

Music as a Bridge

> *"Music unites me with you. Even if I don't speak, even if you're tired, even if the day was long... when a song plays, our hearts meet on the same beat."*

Diversity as an Embrace

> *"Every rhythm we listen to comes from a different place in the world. And even though I'm small, my heart understands that all sounds are important, that all cultures have something to teach me, and that diversity is an embrace that travels far."*

Family as a Stage

> *"It doesn't matter if we're in the living room, in the kitchen, in the car, or in the bedroom before going to sleep. When you're with me and music accompanies us, the house becomes a stage where I learn, grow, and feel loved."*

Final Farewell

> *"Thank you for listening with me. Thank you for looking at me while music plays. Thank you for accompanying me in every rhythm. I bring my tiny little steps... and you bring the world.*
>
> **Baby Writer**