

Useful & Fun Music-Making Apps for iPad

Our top 10 choices



There are hundreds of music making apps available, some of which are more use than others. Here is a brief introduction to the apps we've found to be most useful in working with children who have special educational needs and disabilities. Prices are added for information, correct in 2020. To see whether the app may be suitable, we would suggest that you search a youtube review on each for more info. This is a list of the most popular Apps used by our Music Therapists. To find an App, go to the 'App store' and search the app specified.



GarageBand (pre-installed) This is the most powerful music making app. There are many different features in this app that enable an individual to play a range of instruments (guitar, electric guitar, drums, piano, etc) and also write songs and tunes.



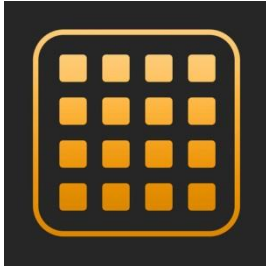
ThumbJam £8.99 This has a range of over 40 quality instrument sounds and lots of different scales. There's even a trombone in which you can slide the notes, electric guitar and drums. It is very easy to play and has many features for those that want to develop their skills in playing the instruments.



Bloom £3.99 This is a brilliant app for creating chilled and relaxing music created by Brian Eno. It is very easy to make beautiful and calm music with this app and it always sounds great. It also has a video feature which is great if you want to screen share onto a larger screen.



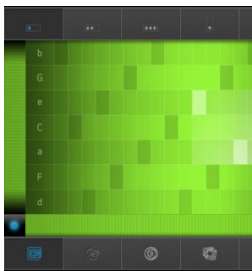
Fender Tune free This is a useful app to help you tune your guitar or ukulele. Lots of great features to help



Novation Launchpad (free in the basic version) This app uses a grid system for creating tracks. You can save tracks and import them into other apps. It is easy to use and great if you like creating urban music. import them into other apps.



Echo String Lite (free) A lovely harp sound, with different chord options and a colourful interface. You can record as you play.



SoundPrism (free) This is a tool which allows you to create harmonic patterns very easily. At the same time it is quite a sophisticated app with a lot of different settings available. There is a quick introduction here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=385CymvTecU>

For more detailed instructions go to

<http://www.soundprismhowto.com/howto2/index.php>



Aumi (free) This uses the camera on the iPad as a sensor for picking up movement and turning it into sound.



AirHarp: touchless 3D harp by NR (99p) Very simple harp which also uses the iPad camera to pick up movement and create sound



Magic Piano (free, can be upgraded at a cost) This app gives you tunes to play which require some dexterity. But there's also the option to play 'Solo: freestyle', which will probably be more useful to you. There are different options of keyboard layout. Once on the conventional keyboard you can shrink it or enlarge it, and slide it along so a different range is available.