Tishweshwe Shaker Drum

In addition to the famous African drums there are a great number of rattles, shakers most of which are made from natural and recycled materials found locally.

- Wood from trees is used to make the Rakatak
- Shakers are made from gourds which are hollowed out, dried and filled with seeds or pebbles.
- Shakers made from animal hides/skins such as goat/cow filled with seeds or pebble
- Straw or grass is woven to make the Caxixi a basket shaker filled with seeds.
- The Ju Ju cluster is a loud rattle made by tying a bundle of dried bean pods or cowtrie shells to the end of a stick
- Other shakers like the Cas Cas and the Hosho Maracca are made from a variety of larger seed pods filled with smaller seeds.
- Rainsticks are typically made from hollowed out bamboo filled with seed that makes a sound like falling rain as the seeds trickle from one end of the stick to the other when turned upside down.

This shaker/drum was hand made in a village called Tishweshwe in Zululand, South Africa by stretching dried animal hide over a wooden frame.