

THE RABAB

The rabab — a lute-like instrument with 4-6 strings originating from Afghanistan and adapted by Kashmiri musicians centuries ago — has remained an essential part of Kashmiri folk music

Kashmiri Rababs can be identified with a bulging body, an indented waist, four to six strings and side pegs; usually made by the walnut wood of Kashmiri or the usual almond or mulberry wood.

Kashmir welcomed Rabab in its culture centuries back and Kashmiris started making this instrument themselves. It takes one and a half month to make one Rabab. Rabab costs around Rs. 12 thousand. Rabab is a very important part of Kashmiri folk culture.

The Rabab video was compiled in 2 days and 3 performers were involved.