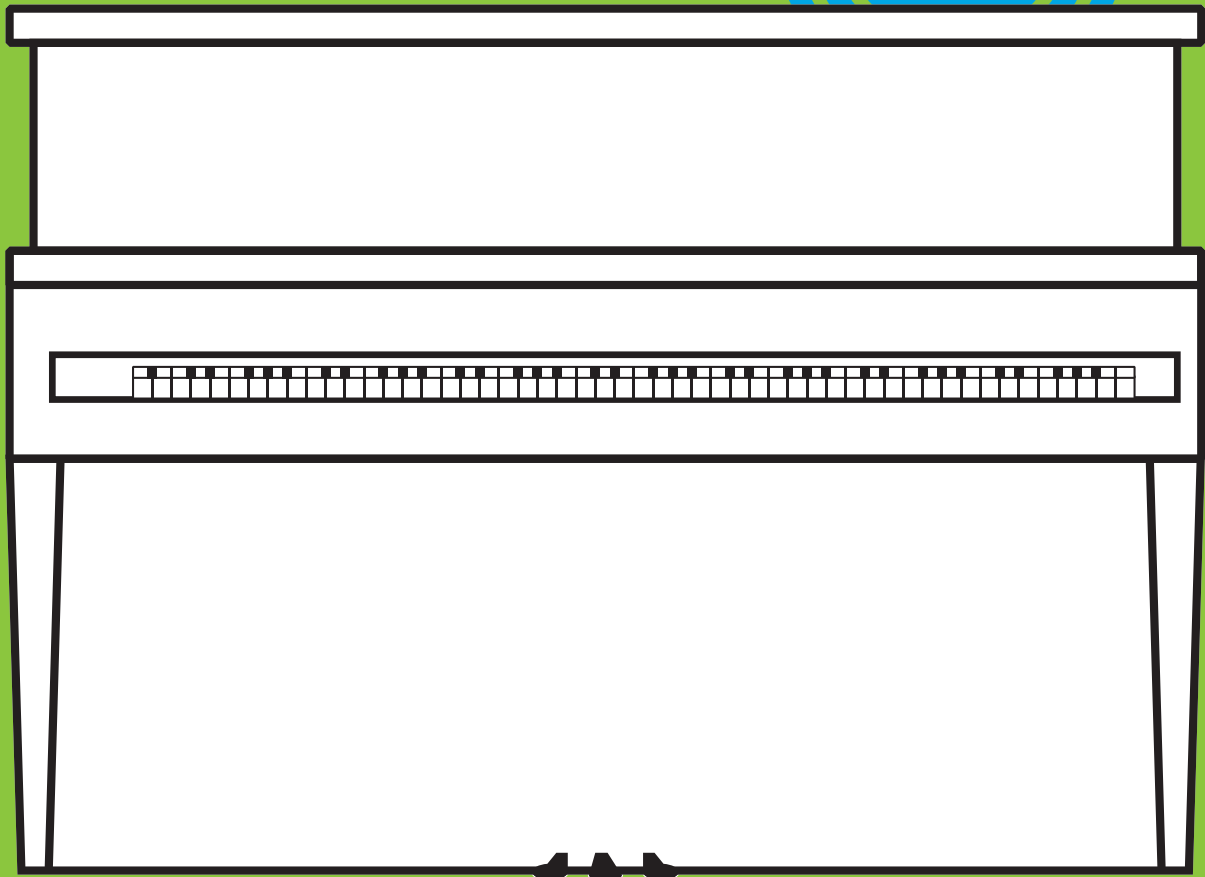


KIDS & KEYS



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Enter your piano design in our contest. We will pick one entry to transform into a real piano for next year's 2025 Keys For the City!

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PIANO MUSIC FOR BEGINNERS

 **Staff:** a set of five lines on which music is written

 **Time Signature:** fraction-like symbol in music
The top number tells you how many beats are in each measure
The bottom number tells you what type of note gets one beat

 **Treble Cleff:** staff for your right hand
As you advance you can introduce the Bass Cleff (your left hand)
Right now let's focus on one hand!












 **Measures/Bars:** divides music into chunks
Each measure contains a certain number of beats determined by the time signature

 **Notes:** on the staff will be many different notes
The look of the note tells you how long to hold the note
The location of the note tells you its pitch (what key to hit)

Counting: helps you keep track of the beats
You can count out loud or in your head while you play
For example, in 4/4 time, you count 1-2-3-4 for each measure.

HOW LONG DO I HOLD THE NOTE?

Note Values: symbols that represent different durations of sound. The most common notes for beginners are below

	1	2	3	4
WHOLE NOTE (4 Counts)				
HALF NOTE (2 Counts)				
QUARTER NOTE (1 Count)				
EIGHTH NOTE (1/2 Count)				

WHAT KEY DO I PRESS?



Mnemonic Devices to Remember Staff Notes



E G B D F
Every Good Band Draws Fans



F A C E
notes in staff spaces spells FACE

WRITE YOUR OWN SONG!

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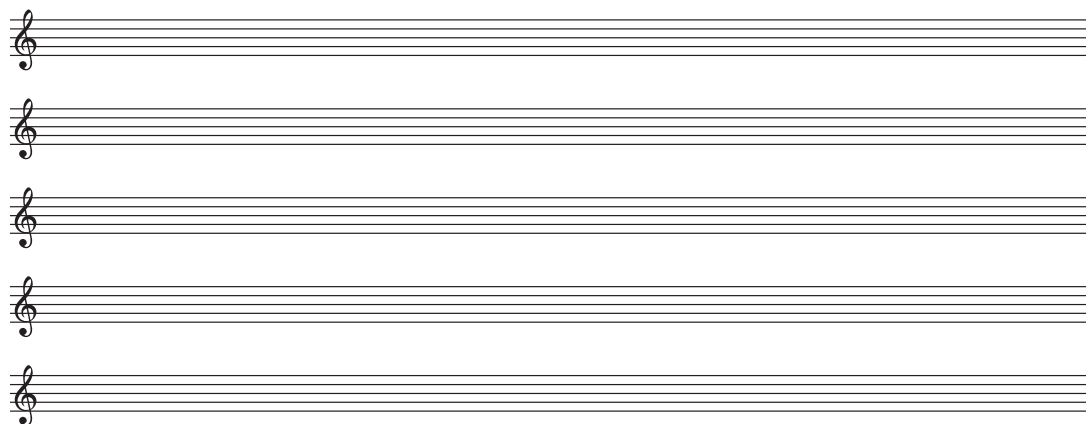
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If you can't play a lick, try this: Use the black keys only. Something slow. Dreamy sort of stuff. As long as you are hitting only black keys, it'll sound like you know what you are doing. When someone asks, "Who wrote that song?", you reply, "It's an original, of course."



WILLIE MARBLE'S PIANO TIP