



Music for Young Children®

56 THINGS YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR TIN SHEET

Ways to use the keyboard side

1. find the groups of 2 black notes
2. find the groups of 3 black notes
3. find other white notes and name them
4. show music patterns on white keys (standing still, stepping up, stepping down...)
5. tell a story using characters that have names starting with letters of the white keys on the keyboard and have students find the letters named
6. sing a pattern of notes and have students make the pattern on their tin sheets
7. show different chords, or scales, or triads
8. use as a tool for working on melodies
9. use as a tool for harmony work
10. back up concepts learned in theory work
11. show high and low pitches
12. show a pattern repeating and have it move up or down
13. sing a pattern of notes and have the student make it and then move it to another key (i.e. transpose)
14. Use for ear training concepts for exam preparation

Ways to use the Staff Side

15. Work on naming white keys
16. Work on pattern identification and construction
17. Melodic dictation
18. Work on composition concepts – repetition, sequence, octave displacement, retrograde, inversion, augmentation, diminution, fragmentation, answer
19. Show chords on the staff
20. Harmonic dictation
21. Reinforce theory concepts
22. Reinforce ear training skills
23. Tell a story and have student find note names for characters in the story
24. Use to play excerpts composed on tin sheet
25. Use as a flash card concept
26. Use to practice theory of making scales
27. Use to make intervals in music (distances from one note to the next)
28. Use for ear training concepts for exam preparation

WHERE TO USE IT:

29. in class
30. in the waiting area while waiting for class to start
31. in the car
32. during television commercials
33. at the table while waiting for a meal to begin
34. at bedtime as a quiet activity
35. at the piano
36. on the floor or other flat surface

WHAT TO USE ON THE TIN SHEET:

37. MYC® issued magnets
38. Round cereal pieces
39. Round coloured candy
40. Little hearts
41. Washers
42. Seasonal confetti pieces (i.e. pumpkins, trees etc.)

TIN SHEET GAMES:

43. Roll a die with note names
44. Roll a die with critter pictures
45. Use a deck of cards with note names. Draw from the deck and put at appropriate place.
46. Have note names or critter pictures on little pieces of paper in a plastic container. Draw out a slip and place magnet accordingly on tin sheet.
47. Write a melody on the staff
48. Write three important chords on tin sheet. Name the key to which they belong.
49. Ring toss game board
50. Spinners with letter names, line/space numbers, critters

WHY USE YOUR TIN SHEET:

51. It is a fast way of finding keys, placing notes and new scales etc...
52. It works for children and adults who have difficulty with fine motor control
53. It is easy to change a placement if it needs correcting
54. It is portable
55. It is reusable
56. It is fun

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