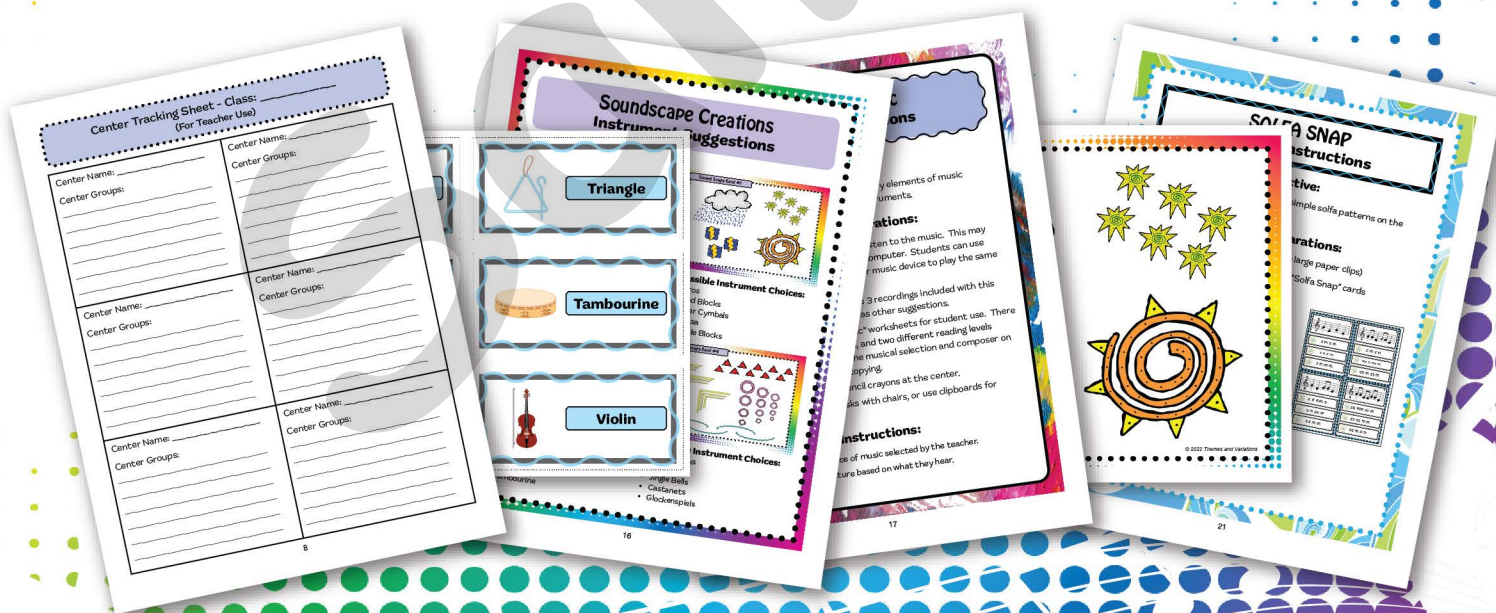


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How To Use This Resource

Teachers Guide

This is the teacher's guide for the resource. Here you can find detailed teacher instructions on how to use and organize each center. You can print worksheets and black and white printables from this book or from the PDF files.

PDF Files

Use the code to download and print the centers. Each section is labeled with the name of the center. Open to find PDF files of everything you need to print and make the centers, or make additional centers if you purchased the kit. This is also where you will find the musical recordings needed for the listening station.

Color Printed Cards (only in centers kit option)

In the kit option there are over 50 pages of centers already printed in color on cardstock for you. Use right away, or laminate ahead of classroom use. Black and white printables can be printed from the book or from the PDF files.

SUPER SIMPLE MUSIC CENTERS:

Grades 2 & 3

Getting Started

There are a lot of things to consider when setting up centers in the music room:

- What grade levels are you planning for?
- How much time do you have?
- How many students do you have in each class?
- What type of work spaces do you have available?
- How can you do centers while teaching multiple grade levels each day?
- What concepts do you want your students to work on?
- How can you differentiate centers to meet all the learning needs of your students?
- What are some ways to prepare simple centers with minimal time, yet have maximum student engagement?

This resource is designed to help meet the needs of a variety of classrooms. The centers each capture a different learning style with games, playing instruments, music listening, tactile learning opportunities, and composition. Each center has opportunities to differentiate and meet the learning needs in your teaching situation.

Cosmic Rhythms

Teacher Instructions

Objective

The students will read and clap grade level rhythm patterns.

Center Preparations

- Print and laminate the rhythm cards appropriate for your grade level. (Print 1 sheet of game cards and 3 sheets of each of the rhythm cards)

Rhythm Cards

Game Cards		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3	
BLACK HOLE Lose all rhythm cards	BLACK HOLE Lose all rhythm cards						
SHOOTING STAR Steal rhythm card from another player.	SHOOTING STAR Steal rhythm card from another player.						
SHOOTING STAR Steal rhythm card from another player.	SHOOTING STAR Steal rhythm card from another player.						
SHOOTING STAR Steal rhythm card from another player.	BLAST OFF! Take another card						
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- Print and laminate student instruction card.
- Add one set of rhythm cards (appropriate for the level of your students) and one set of game cards to a Kleenex box.
- Use the labels provided to glue or tape the label onto the Kleenex box.

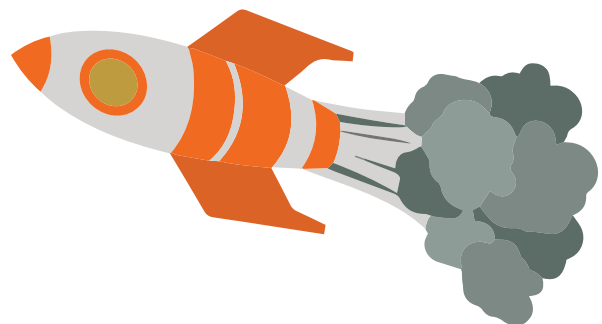


Cosmic Rhythms

Teacher Instructions

Instructions

- This game will work with 2-6 players. For the first round, students must select a rhythm card. If they select one of the game cards, they place it back in the box and choose a rhythm card.
- Player #1 chooses a rhythm card from the box.
- Player #1 places the rhythm card on the floor and claps the rhythm.
- Next players do the same and continue until everyone has had a turn.
- Player #1 now pulls a second rhythm card and places it underneath the first one. Player #1 now claps both rhythm patterns.
- Players continue taking turns pulling, collecting and clapping rhythm cards.
- The game changes if players select one of the following cards:
 - **BLACK HOLE** – All of that player's cards go back in the box.
 - **SHOOTING STAR** – Player can take a rhythm card from another player.
 - **BLAST OFF** – Player can take a second rhythm card from the box.
- The student with the most cards (including rhythms, shooting stars, and blast off cards) when the time is up is the winner.





Color the Music

Teacher Instructions

Objective

The students will listen to music and identify elements of music including tempo, dynamics, mood, and instruments.

Center Preparations

- Set-up a space where students can listen to the music. This may be off a digital device, CD player, or computer. Students can use headphones if available. Set-up your music device to play the same piece of music on repeat.
- Select a piece of music. There are 3 recordings included with this resource for each season, as well as other suggestions.
- Copy one of the “Color the Music” worksheets for student use. There is one available for each season, and two different reading levels provided. Write the name of the musical selection and composer on the worksheet before photocopying.
- Leave a bin of pencils and pencil crayons at the center.
- Either set up at a table/desks with chairs, or use clipboards for students to write on.

Instructions

1. Students listen to a piece of music selected by the teacher.
2. Students color the picture based on what they hear.

Color the Music

Listening Suggestions

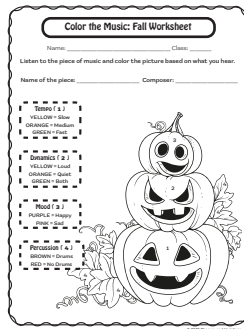
Fall

Included Recordings:

- Vivaldi: The Four Seasons (Autumn, 1st movement)
- Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D Minor
- Paul Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice
- Grieg: In the Hall of the Mountain King

Additional Suggestions:

- Mussorgsky: Night on a Bald Mountain
- Saint-Saëns: Danse Macabre



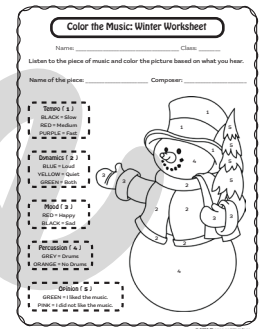
Winter

Included Recordings:

- Vivaldi: The Four Seasons (Winter)
- Debussy: The Snow is Dancing (Children's Corner)
- Tchaikovsky: Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy

Additional Suggestions:

- Mozart: III Sleigh ride from German Dance, K. 605
- Waldteufel: Skater's Waltz
- Chopin: Winter Wind (Etude Op 25, No.11)



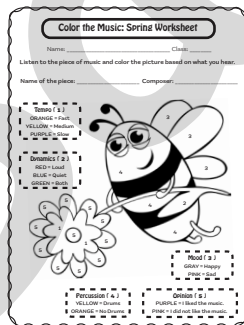
Spring

Included Recordings:

- Vivaldi: The Four Seasons (Spring, 1st movement)
- Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov: The Flight of the Bumblebee
- Tchaikovsky: Waltz of the Flowers (Nutcracker)
- Grieg: Morning (Peer Gynt Suite)

Additional Suggestions:

- Chopin: Raindrop Prelude (Op 28, No. 15)
- Saint-Saëns: Aviary (Carnival of the Animals)



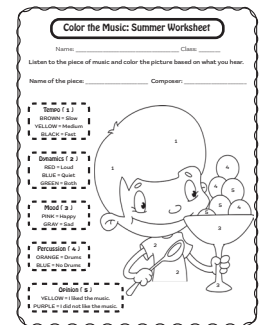
Summer

Included Recordings:

- Vivaldi: The Four Seasons (Summer, 3rd movement)
- Mozart: Eine Kleine Nach (Allegro)
- Ravel: Bolero

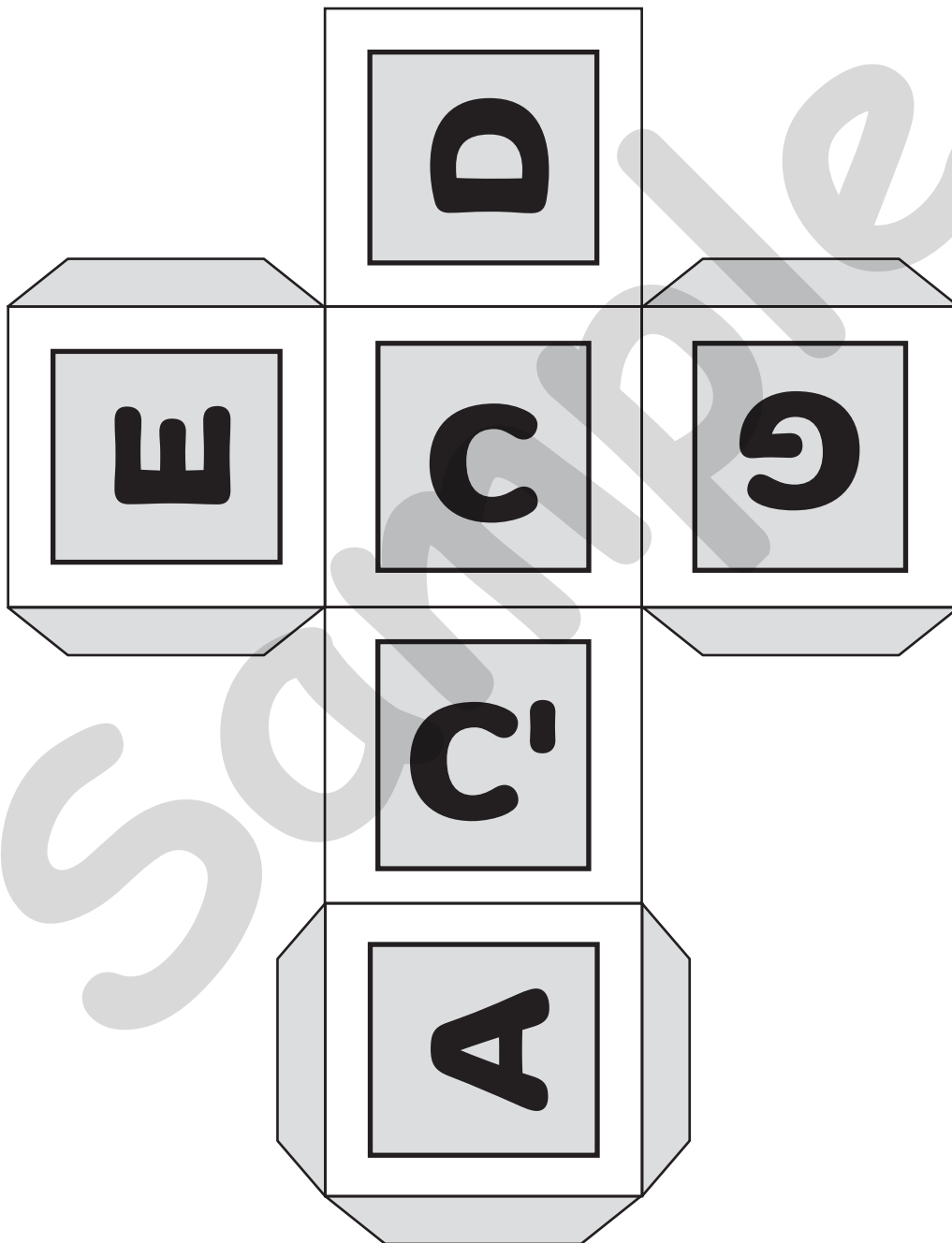
Additional Suggestions:

- Handel: Hornpipe (Water Music Suite)
- Tchaikovsky: June (Barcarolle from The Seasons)
- Mendelssohn: Wedding March (A Midsummer Night's Dream)



Melody Maker Dice

Dice Template - C Major or A Minor Pentatonic



Melody Maker Dice

C Major Pentatonic

Name: _____ Class: _____

Instructions

1. Roll the melody dice and fill in the blank boxes below.
2. Practice clapping the rhythm.
3. Play your creation on an instrument.
4. If you don't like the sound of your melody, change a few notes.
5. If you have extra time, write your creation on the musical staff.

The image shows two dice and a musical staff. The top die is a 4-sided die with a blue face showing the letter 'C' and three white faces. The bottom die is a 4-sided die with a blue face showing the letter 'C' and three white faces. The musical staff is a 4/4 time signature with four measures. The first measure contains a quarter note with a red heart above it. The second measure contains a quarter note with a red heart above it. The third measure contains a quarter note with a red heart above it. The fourth measure contains a quarter note with a red heart above it.

4 4				

BLACK HOLE

Lose all rhythm cards

BLACK HOLE

Lose all rhythm cards

SHOOTING STAR

Steal rhythm card
from another player

SHOOTING STAR

Steal rhythm card
from another player

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Steal rhythm card
from another player

BLAST OFF!

Take another card

BLAST OFF!

Take another card

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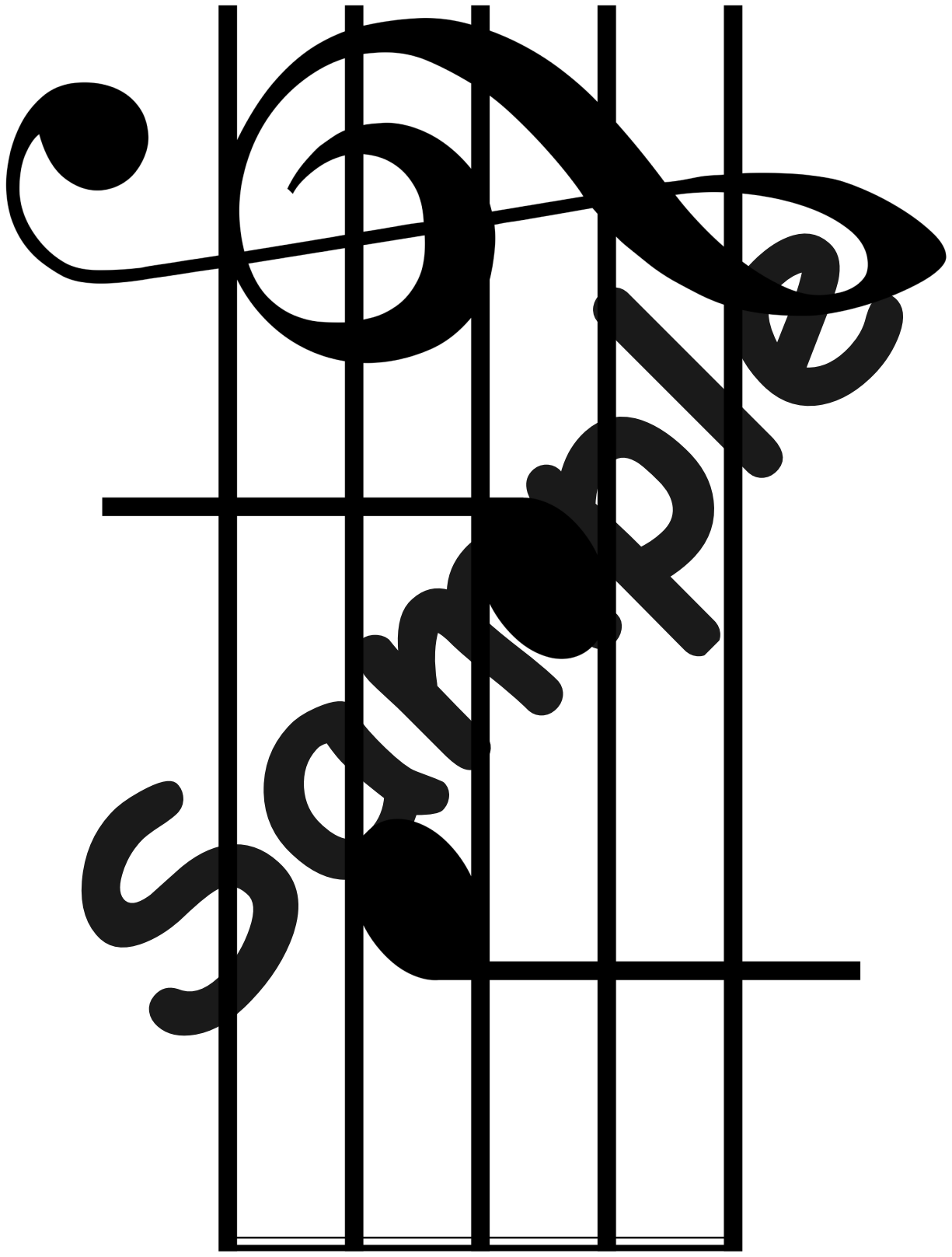
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Sample

Squishy Staff Card #1



Soundscape Card #1



Sample

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Create a Rhythm Pattern

Select 4 instrument cards. Create an 8 beat rhythm pattern.
Play your pattern on a non-pitched percussion instrument.

Place Instrument Card Here

Place Instrument Card Here

Place Instrument Card Here

Place Instrument Card Here

Sample



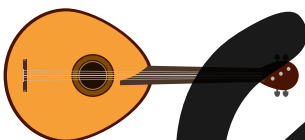
Wood Block



Bassoon



Oboe



Mandolin



Organ



Xylophone

Sample

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★ s s s m

★ s m m m

2

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★ s m s m

★ s s s s m

★ s s m s s m

3

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★ s m m m s

★ s m s s m

★ s s m m

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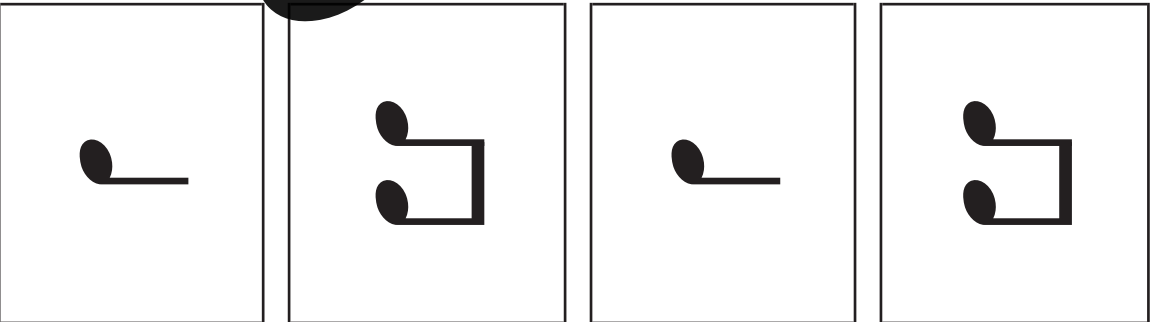
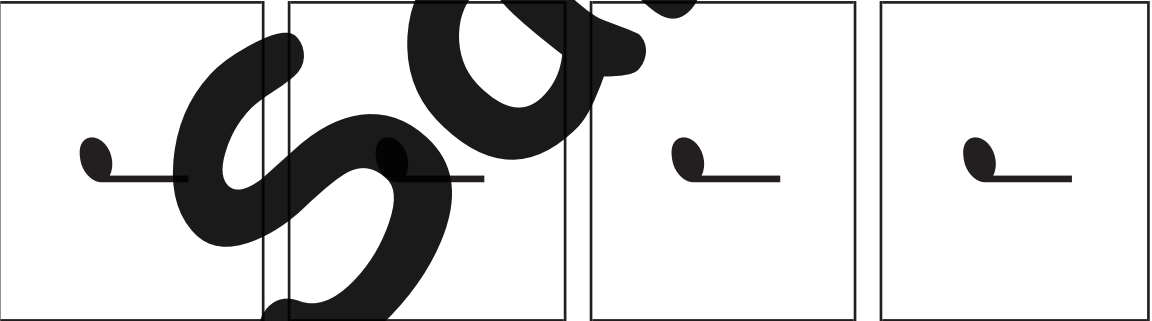
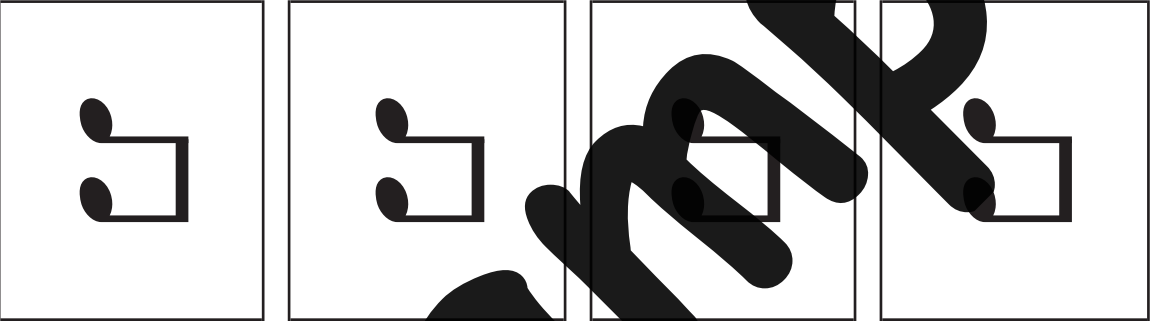
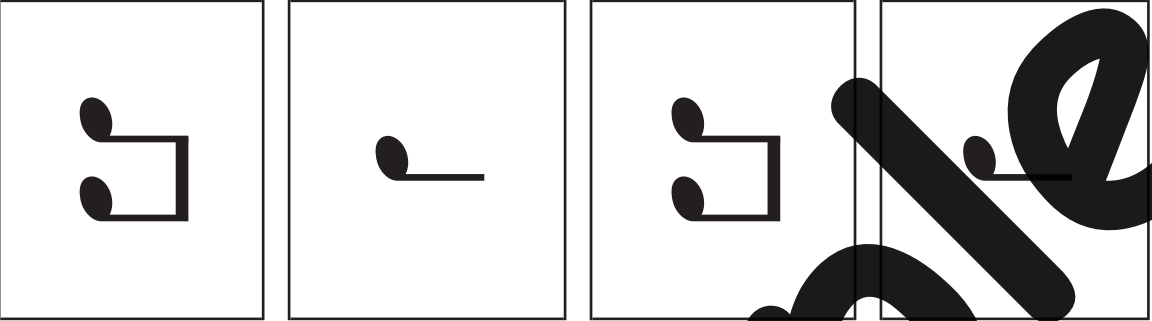
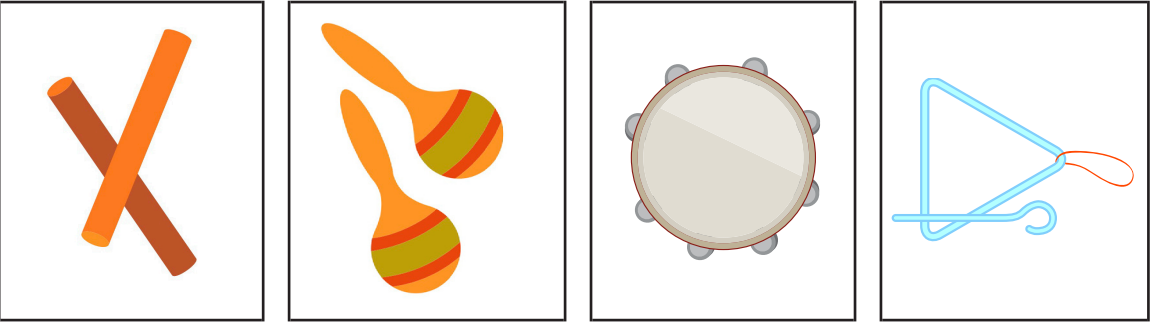
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★ s s s s m m

★ s s m s m

Rhythm Tracker Card #3



Sample