



## Rhythm Creator

*Piano Inspires Kids asks YOU to create!*

Did you know? *Piano Inspires Kids* has a contest for student compositions! Use this packet of rhythms to create rhythms and brainstorm ideas for your creative project.

### Materials Needed

- Print this PDF, single-sided.
- A pair of scissors
- A pencil
- Tape or glue

### Instructions:

1. Cut along the lines of the rhythmic symbols on pages 3-4. Make a pile for each symbol. Now you have a lot of rhythmic building blocks!
2. Clap or chant the various options to make sure you know how each one sounds.
3. Decide upon a time signature from the two options below. Write your time signature in the box provided on page 2.

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4. On page 2, start with the first four measures marked “the announcement.” Arrange the building blocks in a variety of orders, clapping or chanting your ideas, until you find an option that you like. Tip: The announcement should end with a longer value, like a half, dotted half, or whole note. Make sure your rhythm fits in each measure—check the counts carefully so they match your time signature.
5. Glue or tape down your building blocks for the announcement.
6. Now create the next four measures marked “the response.” A response will start with the same rhythms as the announcement, but then, the rhythm might vary from the announcement. Tip: Make sure the response ends with a long sound too.
7. Glue or tape down your building blocks for the response.
8. Ready for the next step? Decide on a scale to use (like C major or A minor) and create a melody that fits your rhythm! You can write the letter names by each note head to help you remember your tune.

Check out *Piano Inspires Kids* Winter 2024 for more ideas on how to create a composition for the current Fanfare contest. Visit [kids.pianoinspires.com/submit](https://kids.pianoinspires.com/submit) for complete composition contest information.

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