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Suggested activities including:

- Write Your Own Song
- Matching Colors
- Matching Letters
- Transitioning to Piano
- Other Instruments Which Can Be Used



Includes free
templates, links to
crafts and
instruments, and
colorful photo
examples!

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The Xylophone Fun Curriculum was created by Kristen Crouch for RhythmsForLiving.com. There are three volumes and a Christmas edition. Each is an eBook with songs as well as manipulatives which can be printed and laminated and used to enhance the learning of the music reading and playing of the xylophone. This resource pack offers further suggestions for ways to enhance the learning through use of the manipulatives and additional activities. The curriculum can be purchased at rhythmsforliving.com/ebooks.

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Write Your Own Song

Purchase small wooden letters at a craft store or on [Amazon](#) and paint them in corresponding colors to the bells/bars.

Use the letters to match to the colored cards which are included in your eBook (see page 3 for more info).

Also have the child use the wooden letters to write their own song by placing the letters as they wish on the blank Write Your Own Song card (page 2). Try to have them always end the song with C to make it sound complete (in musical terms - to make it resolve on the root chord).



Write Your Own Song

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Matching Colors and Letters

Your eBook includes colored circle cards and colored letter cards for each bar of the xylophone. Use these cards to practice matching colors and letters or matching the bells/bars to each colored letter.

You may also make larger colored cards (as seen in the left photo). Mine are in the shape of crayons but you could just make large rectangular color cards with the name of the color on it. Have the child match the bells/bars to the colored cards.

Use colored wooden letters (as seen in the right photo) to match to the colored cards. These are the same wooden letters used in Write Your Own Song (page 1-2).



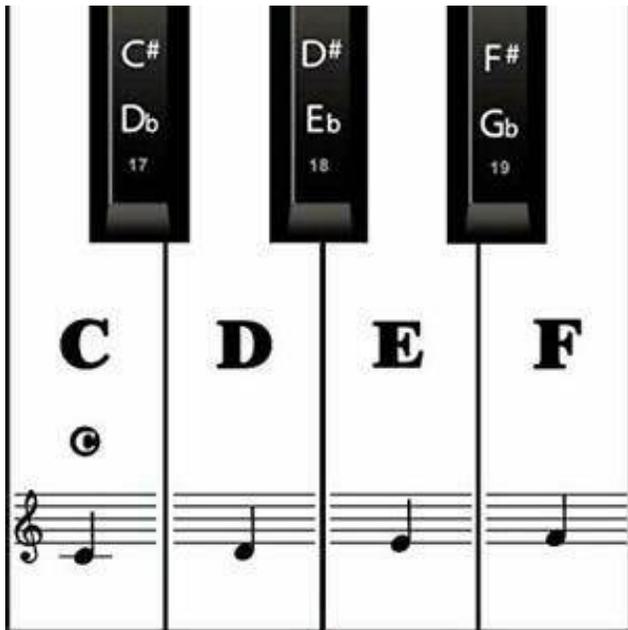
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Transitioning to Piano or Keyboard

The xylophone scale (C D E F G A B C) which is taught in Xylophone Fun is the same C scale that can be playing on the piano. Once your child has learned to play the songs in Xylophone Fun he or she will have the skill of music reading and should be able to try playing the same songs on the piano. Once your child knows how to find the C scale on the piano, he or she will be able to play the songs by matching the letter names of the song to the letter names on the piano. I have found it helpful for children who are learning the piano and need a visual reminder of which key is which letters, to use a piece of masking tape or black Piano Keyboard Stickers (found at a music store or on [Amazon](#)) to label each key. It is then easy to transition to playing the Xylophone Fun songs on the piano or keyboard. You can also have your child play simple piano songs (which provide the letter names of the notes) on the xylophone as long as the song is in the key of C.



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Xylophone Fun works with these instruments!



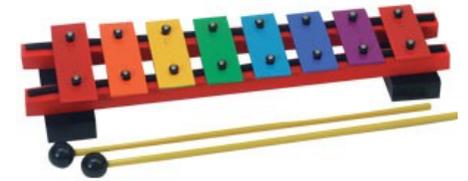
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by Rhythm Band



Plastic Resonator Bells
by Basic Beat



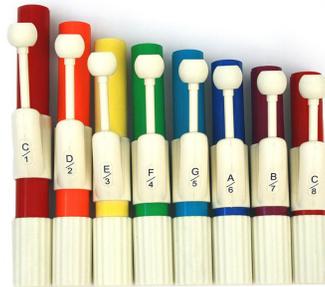
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Diatonic 8-Note Deskbells Set
by Kidsplay



Student Handchimes
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Boomwhackers C Major Diatonic
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