

# ABOUT XYLOPHONE FUN

Xylophone Fun was created to offer a basis for introducing music reading in preparation for beginning piano. Children are able to first match color and then the letters from the visual to the xylophone or bells. Doing these simple songs offers exercise in letter recognition, matching, basic reading skills, fine motor skills, and basic music reading skills.



Basic Beat Resonator Bells



Desk Bells



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# Introduction

Having taught piano for 15+ years, I have had a variety of clients with a variety of abilities. Having had the opportunity over the last 5 years to work with children with autism, I have had the added benefit of learning different ways to tap into children's learning styles. One thing I've learned is that children respond well to visuals, especially when they are bright and colorful.

When I discovered the Basic Beat xylophone and started using it with my students, I was amazed at how quickly they were able to play basic patterns just by matching the colors and letters. Once I could see that they could "read" the letter patterns by matching color and/or letter, I was able to introduce more patterns, and soon basic songs.

Transitioning to piano from the xylophone was even easier for these children who had had the introduction to basic music reading skills. I love using the xylophone and desk bells with my students because its so wonderful to be able to watch them be successful so quickly!

This book was created so that children would have the resources needed to learn music reading skills, along with other important skills like fine motor, matching, and letter recognition. This e-book format allows children to view it on their iPad or computer at home, on the Smartboard in the classroom, or it may be printed and laminated into cards.

For information on purchasing a xylophone or desk bells, please see the resources page.

- Kristen Crouch, MEd, MM, MT-BC, NICU MT

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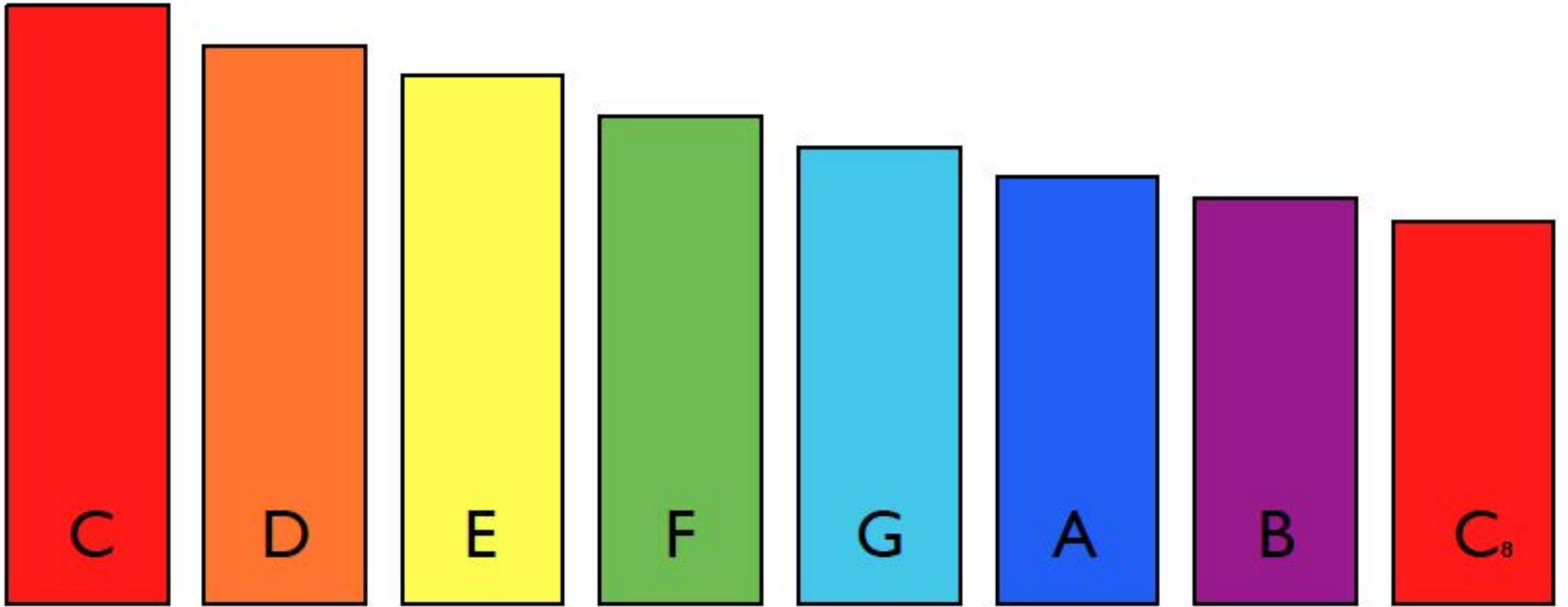
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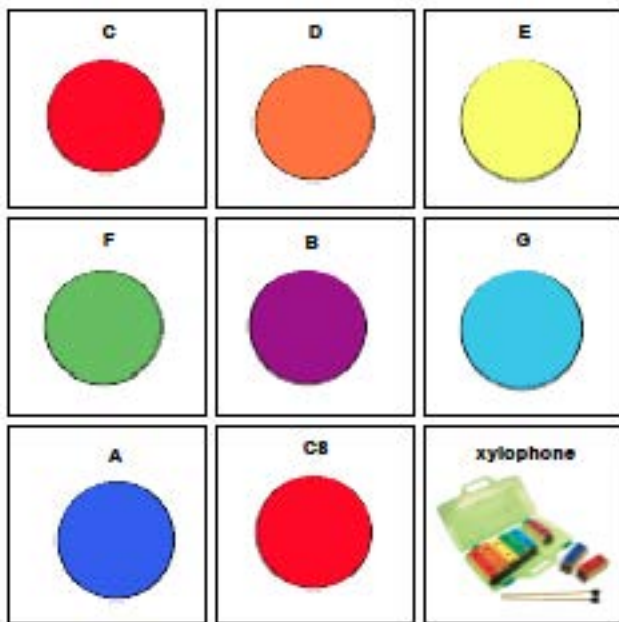


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Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

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# Xylophone Fun

Christmas



Simple Christmas songs to be played on Basic Beat Resonator Bells or Hand-Desk Bells

Use with iPad, Tablet, Computer, Smartboard, or Print and Laminate

Recommended for ages 4 and up

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