

MUSIC · GRADES K–3

# Rhythm Patterns

12 clap-along rhythms

## Rhythm vocabulary

We say rhythms with simple words: • CROTCHET (1 beat) = 'TA' • QUAVER pair (half a beat each) = 'TI-TI' • MINIM (2 beats) = 'TA-AH' • REST (silence, 1 beat) = 'SHH' Clap CROTCHETS once. Clap QUAVERS twice quickly. For MINIMS, clap once but hold your hands together. For RESTS, open your hands palm-up and stay silent.

## Easy rhythms (single clap units)

<p><b>Pattern 1</b></p> <p>TA TA TA TA (clap, clap, clap, clap)</p>	<p><b>Pattern 2</b></p> <p>TA TA TA-AH (clap, clap, hold)</p>
<p><b>Pattern 3</b></p> <p>TA-AH TA TA (hold, clap, clap)</p>	<p><b>Pattern 4</b></p> <p>TA TA SHH TA (clap, clap, rest, clap)</p>

## Medium rhythms (with quavers)

<p><b>Pattern 5</b></p> <p>TI-TI TA TA TA (clap-clap, clap, clap, clap)</p>	<p><b>Pattern 6</b></p> <p>TA TI-TI TA TA (clap, clap-clap, clap, clap)</p>
<p><b>Pattern 7</b></p> <p>TI-TI TI-TI TA TA (clap-clap, clap-clap, clap, clap)</p>	<p><b>Pattern 8</b></p> <p>TA TI-TI TA-AH (clap, clap-clap, hold)</p>

## Tricky rhythms



<p><b>Pattern 9</b></p> <p>TI-TI SHH TA TA (clap-clap, rest, clap, clap)</p>	<p><b>Pattern 10</b></p> <p>TA SHH TI-TI TA (clap, rest, clap-clap, clap)</p>
<p><b>Pattern 11</b></p> <p>TI-TI TI-TI TI-TI TA (4 quavers and a clap)</p>	<p><b>Pattern 12</b></p> <p>TA-AH TI-TI TA (hold, clap-clap, clap)</p>

## Games to play

ECHO: You clap pattern 1. Class echoes. You clap pattern 2. Class echoes. BEAT THE CLOCK: Show pattern. Class claps it 3 times in a row without mistakes. MAKE-A-RHYTHM: Children combine 4 cards (TA, TI-TI, REST, MINIM) to invent their own pattern. NAME RHYTHMS: Most names ARE rhythms. Tom = TA. Sarah = TI-TI. Jack-and-Jill = TI-TI TA-AH.

