Recorder Karate

A Highly Motivational Method For Young Players by Barb Philipak

Level 2
Steps to Earn a Belt

- Each new piece introduces a new note, new rhythm or a new musical term. Check the bottom of the page for new information.

- Look for the new notes, rhythm, or musical term in the piece of music.

- Clap and count the rhythm using syllables (1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & etc.)

- Clap and speak the note names (B-A-G, etc.) in rhythm.

- "Chinger" (finger the notes with the recorder on your chin) and say or sing the note names in rhythm.

- Play the notes in rhythm. Start slow and increase in speed later.

- Play for your belt ONLY after you have learned the piece.

- I use the following grading rubric. You must get a 5, 4 or 3 to earn your belt.

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Cotton Eyed Joe

White Belt

Level 2

American Folk Song

Recorder

Where did you come from? Where did you go? Where did you come from Cotton Eyed Joe? Where did you come from? Where did you go? Where did you come from, Cotton Eyed Joe? If it had n't been for Cotton Eyed Joe,

I'd been married long time ago. If it had n't been for Cotton Eyed Joe, I'd been married long time ago!

New notes:

B

A

G
My Recorder BAG

Yellow Belt
Level 2

Recorder

This little tune was made for you to read! G A B B B A A G
It's Raining
Orange Belt
Level 2

Traditional

It's raining, it's pouring, the old man is snoring. Went to bed and he bumped his head and he couldn't get up in the morning!

New note:
Good King Wenceslas

Green Belt
Level 2

English Christmas Carol

Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen. When the snow lay round about, deep and fast and even. Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel. When a poor man came in sight,

gathering winter fuel

Key Signature

The sharp sign on the "F" line tells you that every "F" in the piece of music is F-sharp.

New Notes:
Mary Had A Little Lamb

Purple Belt
Level 2

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb. Mary had a little lamb, its fleece was

white as snow!

New notes:

F

C'
Skip to My Lou

Blue Belt

Folk Song

Flies in the butter milk, Skip to my Lou, Flies in the butter milk, Skip to my Lou, Flies in the butter milk,

Skip to my Lou, Skip to my Lou my darling. Lou, Lou, Skip to my Lou. Lou, Lou, Skip to my Lou.

Lou, Lou, Skip to my Lou, Skip to my Lou my darling.

New note:

Key Signature

The flat sign on the “B” line tells you that every “B” in the piece of music is B-flat.
Sidewalks of New York

Red Belt

East side, west side, all around the town, - The tots sing "Ring-a-Rosie,"

"London Bridge is Falling Down." Boys and girls together, Me and Ma-mie O' Rourke.

Trip the light fantastic on the sidewalks of New York.

Key Signature

The sharp sign on the “F” line tells you that every “F” in the piece of music is F-sharp.

Time Signature – in 3/4 time, there are 3 beats three beats in each measure, and the quarter note gets one beat.

A tie combines the value of two notes of the same pitch.

Hold for 6 beats.
O Come All Ye Faithful

Brown Belt

O come, all ye faithful. Joyful and triumphant, O come, ye faithful. O come, let us adore Him. O

O Beth-le-hem. Come and behold Him. Born the King of angels. O come, let us adore Him. O

Key Signature

The sharp sign on the "F" line tells you that every "F" in the piece of music is F-sharp.

Slur — play the two notes without tonguing between.
God Bless America

Black Belt

Level 2

Irving Berlin

God, bless America, land that I love. Stand by her, and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the ocean, white with foam, God, bless America, my home, sweet home. God, bless America, my home, sweet home.

Dotted eighth-sixteenth note pattern:

Count: 1(e & a)

The dotted eighth note is equal in duration to three sixteenth notes.