

STEP #2

PATTERNING

This step is primarily about patterning, a visual skill that teaches children to look very carefully for "sames" and "differents".

You can enhance this learning by looking for "sames and differents" in other things - like flowers, cars, shoes.....

This step also combines patterning with hand motions.

The hand motion is then combined with rhythm and singing. This is quite a combination of skills already! Many adults who have taken piano lessons cannot sing and play at the same time, but by training at this age, it is possible.

Just stay on this step until the children are comfortable and understand the concept.

And always, be encouraging and complimentary!

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Daily Activities

1. Give each child a minimum of 5 minutes "one on one" time with the ACP Piano App. Remember: have children mark Practice Chart.

Sing and Move...Sing and Move....

2. There cannot be too much singing. Keep singing and moving with the Tick Tock song with both words and colors!

The more you sing and move, the easier it will be for the children to function with the patterning plus singing parts of the "Step 2" activities.

3. Line up those 2 and 3 black key groups each day until the children can line them up easily.

4. Work on a Large 3 Black Key Group activity each day by reviewing what the children are already able to do, then add the next when appropriate.

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

The STEP 2 page has direct links to two new Playlists:
Step Two
and
Step Two Teacher Tips

There is a short video - **STEP 2: PATTERNING** - that would be a good one to show to the children. It goes through the steps for lining up those little key cards so they visually see the activity for lining up the key cards.

Step 2 Playlist also includes the two versions of **Tick Tock**. If the children are singing Tick Tock very easily and seem to want to add another song, **Rain Rain Go Away** is also included on this Playlist - and also with two versions. Have the children come up with some cute movements for this song too!

The Playlist, Step 2 Teacher Tips, only has the version of Rain Rain Go Away for playing on the xylophone.