





## ACPs.KEYSTRIPS: Tick Tock, Hot Cross Buns, Blank

I prefer using an attached keyboard when using the app so children learn to push down the proper keys, not just touch them on a screen. Young children have difficulty “translating” the key with the arrow to a key on the keyboard, so I have designed keystrips for them to use at the beginning.

Just cut the keystrips apart. If you are using a paper cutter I have put those dotted red lines for you to use for line-up. My printer does not print to the edge, so I just cut off about a quarter inch top and bottom, then do my line-up. Cut the sides off, then cut the strips apart.

Cut on each side of the black “keys” up to the dotted white line. Fold back along the dotted line.

Now just set this keystrip over the piano keys. This gives the students patterning practice since the 3 black “keys” fit over the 3 black keys of the piano and the 2 black keys fit over the 2 black keys of the piano, so you have a chance to talk about how the keystrip fits.

This strip can be placed near the front of the piano’s black keys, then moved toward the back as the child knows where those proper keys are for each song.

These keystrips work really well with NO laminating. The song icons are on the first white key so children know which song the keystrip is for.

At this point some children may still have a problem playing Tick Tock with no help finding that C and G. And, some need the strip for playing or learning Hot Cross Buns. Others are somewhere in between and this is a good time to have them mark the proper keys on the strip with sticker dots or marker by looking at the computer screen after Busy Buzzy has put dots on the keys for the song. (That’s when they really realize why that screen stays put until the Continue is touched!)