

How to create mixed media rhythm play-along video

Step 1: Define Learning Objective

- Goal: Reinforce rhythmic literacy by having students listen to, read, and perform rhythmic patterns.

Step 2: Choose the Rhythmic Patterns

- Select a few simple 4-beat rhythm using quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests that fit with the music you are using

Step 3: Create the Visual Notation

- Use images of the notes inside circles to fit with the
- Include alternate or standard notation depending on your students' familiarity.

Step 4: Prepare the Audio Track

- Record a steady beat backing track that acts as a metronome.
- Layer the rhythm over the beat using:
 - Body percussion (claps, pats, stomps)
 - Classroom instruments (drums, rhythm sticks, tambourines)

Step 5: Track the video

- Tap M (marker) on the beats with the metronome track as your guide
- Place the bouncing ball into the video
- Stretch the motion title (bouncing ball) to fit the rhythm
 - NOTE: This ball will begin on beat four of the previous measure and end on beat one of the subsequent measure. In total, the six beats will line up when you match your effect to the song.
- Copy and paste to complete the video

Step 6: Export and share the video

- Share video to YouTube to catalog and easily embed into your slideshow
- If you used copyrighted music it is recommended to keep the video on your computer or in your cloud service

Step 7: Play Along

- Show rhythms that students will see
- Students perform the rhythm by:
 - Clapping
 - Rhythm sticks
 - Other instruments
 - Moving to the beat

Step 8: Reflect and Assess

- Ask students what was difficult, what was easy
- Provide feedback and encourage improvement