

Woodwind Orange Award Worksheet

Objective: Make up a short tune using three notes

This follows on from the Red Award, when you made up and played rhythms. There are two ways to start to make a short tune using three notes. Here's the first way:

1. Play a few four beat rhythms on one note, maybe joining two together to make a longer phrase.
2. Choose a four beat rhythm and experiment with adding in a second note. Try two notes next to each other or two further away. Which sounds best?
3. Still using the same rhythm, try adding a third note. Try different combinations of notes. Write your chosen three notes here
4. When you are confident playing your three note phrase, try to add another four beats to make a longer phrase.
5. For an optional added challenge, if you have iTunes or similar, ask your teacher to suggest a suitable backing track to try playing along with.
6. If you are in contact with a friend learning an instrument, you could try playing your three note tunes to each other over the phone.
7. Play your tune to an adult in your house and tick off on your Orange Award card. Congratulations, you can now make up and play a short tune using three notes!

Here's the second way:

1. Think back to when you used music notation to help create your rhythms for the Red Award, and write down a few four beat rhythms using the following notes:



2. **Either** try writing down note names in pencil below your rhythms and try playing them; experiment with changing some notes and see if it makes it sound better
3. **Or** try reading your rhythm and experiment with playing it on two then three notes on your instrument; choose what works and write down the note names.
4. When you are confident playing your three note phrase, try to add another four beats to make a longer phrase.
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