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This is a simple play along that even beginning readers can play. You can use sticks, drums, or body percussion—whatever you have on hand. It’s great for Star Wars Day (May the Fourth). If you’re feeling really adventurous, try using light sabers!

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE:

1. Listen to the piece, tapping or patting the rhythms softly. Identify different sections, instruments, etc.
2. Perform with body percussion, practicing spots that may be hard to follow (like the ending, which is different from the rest).
3. Add instruments, and play from the beginning.
4. Add Jedi poses during the rests in the B section.

EXTENSION:

Use pool noodles cut in half as “light sabers”. Students pair up and play the rhythms together on their “light sabers”. This requires a little more self-control, but they love it!

Tested on this* YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/-bzWSJG93P8>

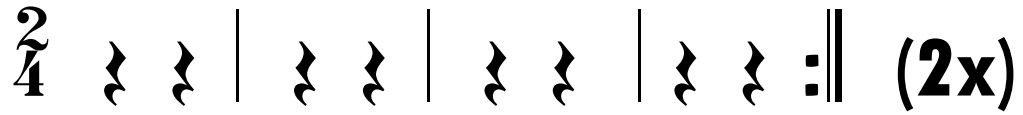
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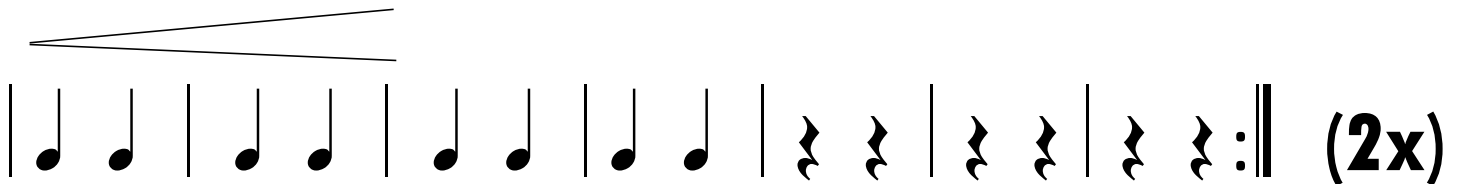
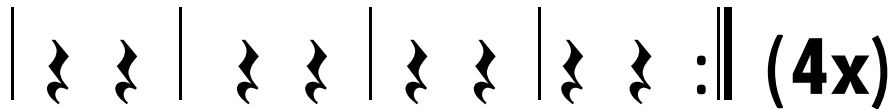
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Introduction:



B



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| ♩ ♩ | ♩ ♩ | ♩ ♩ | ♩ ♩ | ♩ ♩ | ♩ ♩ |

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