



One of the nicest things about music is that it can be understood by all people in all parts of the world.

—Girl Scout Handbook, 1940



Musician

Just about everyone loves music. And making it is just as fun as listening to it! Whether you're already a musician, or you just want to see what it's like to make sounds on an instrument, there's something for you in this badge.

Steps

1. Explore how music is made
2. Travel around the world of music
3. Check out the music in your life
4. Make your own music
5. Perform your music

Purpose

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how music is made and how to perform music myself.

MUSICAL TERMS

Musical symbols are placed on a set of five lines and four spaces called a **staff**. (That's why paper that music is written on is called "staff paper.")

A **clef** defines the pitch range of a piece of music. The most common are the **bass clef** and **treble clef**.

A **tie** shows that two or more notes should be played together as one note.

Symbols placed next to the note tell you if it should be **flat** or **sharp**.

A **measure** is the section of the staff that comes between two **bar lines**. A **note** symbol shows its length—how many beats it covers in a measure.

Some symbols indicate how a note should be played.

A lower case **f** stands for **forte**, which means the note should be loud. Three **fs**? Extremely loud!

The symbol for **crescendo** shows that the volume of a note should slowly get louder.

A **rest** shows a pause in the music.

A **staccato dot** means that the note should be played short and quick.



