

Book 1: Party Time / Rhythm Style Piano

Key Focus

Develop rhythmic fluency through ragtime, Latin, and swing patterns

Strengthen basic chord vocabulary (C, G, Am, F, etc.)

Train hand independence and left-right coordination

Practice Exercise

Chord Progression Drill: C – G – Am – F

Right Hand: Play block chords on beats 1, 2, 3, 4

Left Hand: Add syncopated rhythm on the “and” counts (1 and 2 and ...)

Metronome: 70 BPM

Variation:

Play RH chord on beat 1, LH on the “and” of 2

Say aloud: “1 and 2 and 3 and 4 and”

Bonus Rhythm Example

Inspired by the verse of “*Let It Be*”:

RH plays on beats 1 and 3

LH enters on the “and” of 2

Slightly delay the offbeat to create a swing feel

About the Book

This module is based on rhythm-focused piano learning methods for late beginners, often featured in rhythm-style collections. Suggested practice pieces include:

1. A Lively Dance
2. Blue Mood

3. Celebration Rag
4. Cubanera
5. Flamenco
6. Rockin' Blues
7. Walkin' Boogie

These pieces help students internalize rhythmic patterns while exploring ragtime, Latin, and swing genres.

Supplemental Techniques

Hand Coordination: Practice scales and arpeggios hands separately, then together

Rhythm Drills: Use clapping or tapping patterns like “Four on the Floor” or “Offbeat Chords”

Chord Fluency: Learn I–IV–V–vi chord families in C, G, F, and D Major

Play Along: Try matching rhythms with jazz backing tracks from YouTube or loop apps

Learning Strategy

Focus on internalizing pulse before adding syncopation

Start slow → improve accuracy → build up tempo

Use tools like loop tracks or apps to play with real songs

Learn rhythm syllables (e.g., Takadimi or Kodály) for better counting and subdivision

Ready to Go Further?

If you want to master rhythm piano, learn chords in context, and confidently play in ragtime, swing, and blues styles — there’s a full course that covers all of this, step-by-step:

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Additional Resource: Guitar Theory Revolution

If you're looking to expand your musical knowledge beyond piano, the **Guitar Theory Revolution** course offers a clear and practical way to understand music theory from a guitarist's perspective.

This course includes:

- A 118-page printable e-book

- 8 essential video lessons

- 22 MP3 ear-training exercises

- A 44-page chord and scale diagram guide (also suitable for left-handed players)

Perfect for multi-instrumentalists or anyone who wants to connect theory directly to real playing.

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Pro Tip

Studies show that students who train rhythm using both physical movement and notation achieve better results. So don't just read—tap, clap, and count while practicing.

Downloadable Practice Sheet

Download a printable worksheet with drills, tips, and practice logs.

 Download link coming soon...