

Music Notation Basics: rhythm

whole note (4 beats per note) **half note** (2 beats per note) **quarter note** (1 beat per note) **eighth note** (half-beat per note)

1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

whole notes:

1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

half notes:

1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

quarter notes:

1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4

eighth notes:

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +

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whole rest
(4 beats per rest)

half rest
(2 beats per rest)

quarter rest
(1 beat per rest)

eighth rest
(half-beat per rest)

A musical staff in treble clef showing four measures of rests. The first measure contains a whole rest, the second a half rest, the third four quarter rests, and the fourth eight eighth rests. Below the staff, the corresponding counting is provided: (1)(2)(3)(4) for the whole rest, (1)(2) (3)(4) for the half rest, (1) (2) (3) (4) for the quarter rests, and (1)(+) (2)(+)(3)(+) (4)(+) for the eighth rests.

(1)(2)(3)(4) (1)(2) (3)(4) (1) (2) (3) (4) (1)(+) (2)(+)(3)(+) (4)(+)

whole notes and rests:

A musical staff in treble clef showing four measures. The first measure has a whole note, the second a whole rest, the third a whole note, and the fourth a whole rest. Below the staff, the counting is provided: 1 2 3 4 for the first whole note, (1) (2) (3) (4) for the first whole rest, 1 2 3 4 for the second whole note, and (1) (2) (3) (4) for the second whole rest.

1 2 3 4 (1) (2) (3) (4) 1 2 3 4 (1) (2) (3) (4)

half notes and rests:

A musical staff in treble clef showing four measures. The first measure has two half notes, the second two half rests, the third a half note followed by a half rest, and the fourth a half rest followed by a half note. Below the staff, the counting is provided: 1 2 3 4 for the first two half notes, (1) (2) (3) (4) for the first two half rests, 1 2 (3) (4) for the half note and half rest, and (1) (2) 3 4 for the half rest and half note.

1 2 3 4 (1) (2) (3) (4) 1 2 (3) (4) (1) (2) 3 4

quarter notes and rests:

A musical staff in treble clef showing four measures. The first measure has four quarter notes, the second a quarter note followed by a quarter rest and two more quarter notes, the third a quarter note followed by three quarter rests, and the fourth a quarter rest followed by three quarter notes. Below the staff, the counting is provided: 1 2 3 4 for the first four quarter notes, 1 (2) 3 4 for the quarter note and quarter rest, 1 (2) (3) 4 for the quarter note and three quarter rests, and (1) 2 3 (4) for the quarter rest and three quarter notes.

1 2 3 4 1 (2) 3 4 1 (2) (3) 4 (1) 2 3 (4)

eighth notes and rests:

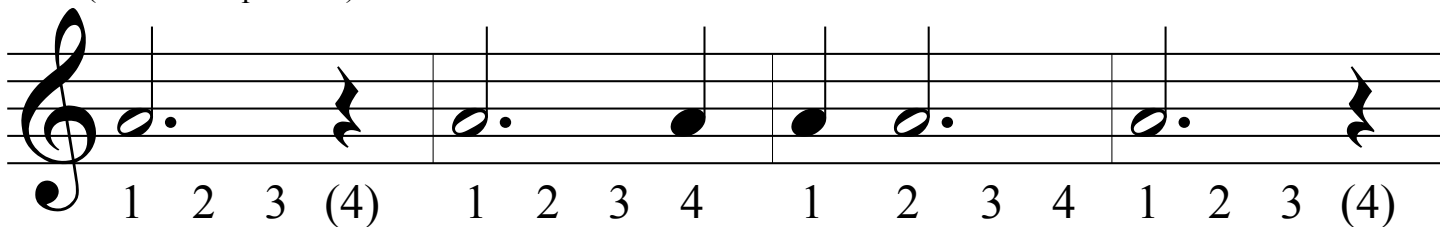
A musical staff in treble clef showing four measures. The first measure has eight eighth notes, the second a quarter rest followed by four eighth notes and a quarter rest, the third a quarter rest followed by four eighth notes and a quarter rest, and the fourth a quarter rest followed by four eighth notes and a quarter rest. Below the staff, the counting is provided: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + for the first eight eighth notes, (1)+ 2 + 3(+)4 (+) for the quarter rest and four eighth notes, (1)+(2)+ (3)+ 4 + for the quarter rest and four eighth notes, and 1(+) 2 + 3(+) 4 + for the quarter rest and four eighth notes.

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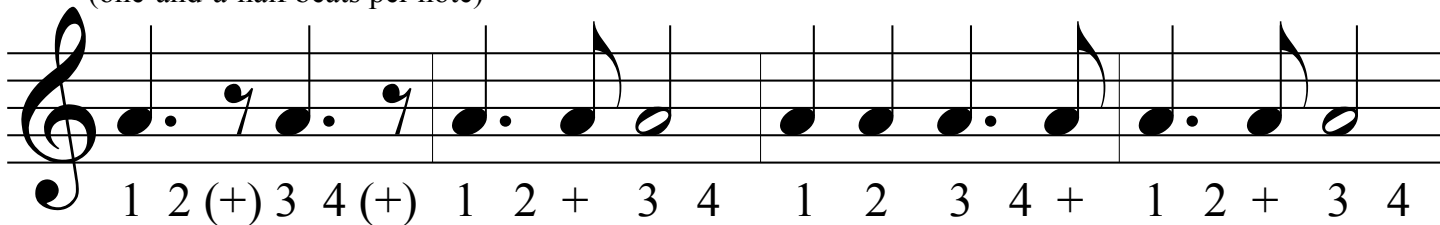
dotted half note

(three beats per note)



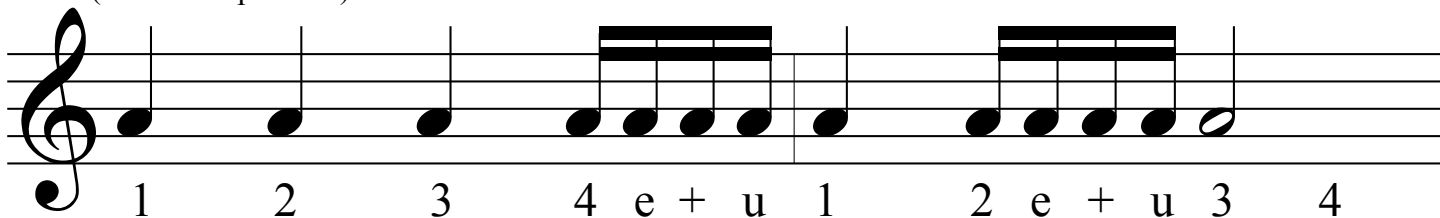
dotted quarter note

(one-and-a-half beats per note)



sixteenth notes

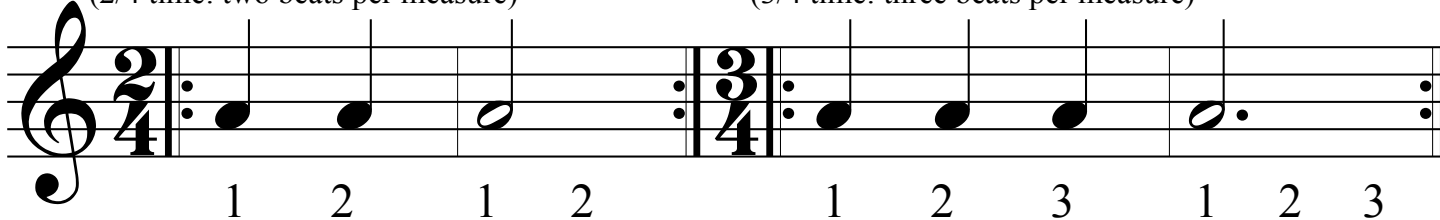
(four notes per beat)



time signatures

(2/4 time: two beats per measure)

(3/4 time: three beats per measure)



(4/4 time: four beats per measure)

(5/4 time: five beats per measure)

