

Rollin' Rhythms

a worksheet activity for elementary music students

Materials:

- Print off the number of worksheets you need. Students may work alone or in pairs/groups.
- Pencils
- Create a rhythm value die for each student or group of students.
 - Use a paint pen (works much better than a permanent marker) to write the notes on small wooden cubes or foam cubes.
 - Here's the options for making the dice:
 - For the worksheets with 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4, the six sides should be: *quarter note, quarter note, half note, half note, dotted half note, and whole note.*
 - If students are familiar with eighth notes, instead the six sides should be: *two beamed eighth notes, quarter note, quarter note, half note, dotted half note, and whole note.*
 - For the worksheets with 3/8 and 6/8, the six sides should be: *single eighth note, quarter note, three beamed eighth notes, three beamed eighth notes, dotted quarter note, and dotted half note.*

Directions from the worksheet:

- Roll a rhythm value die and write each note you roll in the measures below. But be careful – don't let each measure fill up to total more beats than the time signature allows! If the die does not give you the right note or rest that you need, keep rolling until you get the right one. At the end of each line, write the total number of beats in the blank on the right.

Name: _____

Rollin' Rhythms 1

Directions: Roll a rhythm value die and write each note you roll in the measures below. But be careful – don't let each measure fill up to total more beats than the time signature allows! If the die does not give you the right note or rest that you need, keep rolling until you get the right one. At the end of each line, write the total number of beats in the blank on the right.

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Rollin' Rhythms 2

Directions: Roll a rhythm value die and write each note you roll in the measures below. But be careful – don't let each measure fill up to total more beats than the time signature allows! If the die does not give you the right note or rest that you need, you can finish each measure by writing in the needed note or rest value. Finally, total the number of beats in the blank on the left.

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Rollin' Rhythms 3

Directions: Roll a rhythm value die and write each note you roll in the measures below. But be careful – don't let each measure fill up to total more beats than the time signature allows! If the die does not give you the right note or rest that you need, you can finish each measure by writing in the needed note or rest value. Finally, total the number of beats in the blank on the left.

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Rollin' Rhythms 4

Directions: Roll a rhythm value die and write each note you roll in the measures below. But be careful – don't let each measure fill up to total more beats than the time signature allows! If the die does not give you the right note or rest that you need, you can finish each measure by writing in the needed note or rest value. Finally, total the number of beats in the blank on the left.

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