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## Music notes with beats. Beats and notes. 4 beats music note.

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Time Signature	Beat Duration	Number of Beats
$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{2}{2}$ =	$\frac{3}{2}$ =
$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{4}$ =	$\frac{3}{4}$ =
$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{8}{8}$ =	$\frac{3}{8}$ =
$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{16}{16}$ =	$\frac{3}{16}$ =

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### Note's length:

= No. of beats + 50%

Note	Beats	Note	Beats
o	4	o.	6
↓	2	↓.	3
↓	1	↓.	1 1/2
↓	1/2	↓.	3/4

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Whole note	Quarter note	Half note	Dotted half note

4 beats 1 beat 2 beats 3 beats

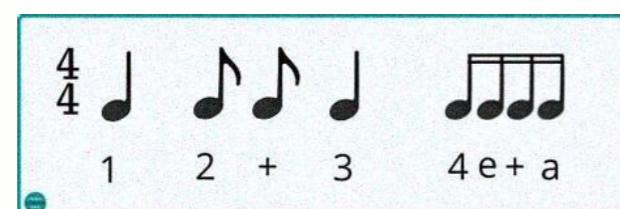
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Type Of Beat	Duple Time	Triple Time	Quadruple Time
Crotchet Beat	$\frac{2}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{4}$
Minim Beat	$\frac{2}{2}$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{4}{2}$
Quaver Beat	$\frac{2}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$	$\frac{4}{8}$

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That means there are three quarter notes in a measure, and counting it out would be "1-2-3" in your head. Practice with a song like "Christmas Waltz," which has lyrics that mention its waltz rhythm. Other less common time signatures can be tricky to count. The top number tells you how many beats are in a measure, while the bottom number indicates what type of note gets the beat. For example, 6/8 meter is similar to a waltz, but with two groups of three beats each. Beat 1 is always the strongest. Practice counting along with music by emphasizing the odd numbers: "ONE-two-THREE-four-FIVE-six." This helps you get a feel for the rhythm and emphasizes where each half note begins. Listening to music in different time signatures can also help you understand how it contributes to the overall feel. For example, marches are often written in 2/4 time to give that distinctive "1-2, 1-2" feeling. Jazz and other modern music might use unusual time signatures like 13/8 or 5/4, which can make it harder to count but also more interesting. As a renowned concert pianist and expert in music notation, I'm excited to share with you the secrets of understanding musical notes. With a PhD in Piano Performance from Yale School of Music, I've had the privilege of performing at iconic venues like Carnegie Hall and others across the globe. In this article, we'll dive into the world of musical notes, exploring how they represent different note lengths and values. As a professional musician, I'm often asked about counting music notes, so let's get started! Musical notes are mathematically calculated to convey specific information about the structure of a song or piece. The value of a beat depends on the meter of the piece, which can vary from 4/4 (four beats per measure) to other time signatures. Let's take a closer look at the most common note lengths: \* Whole notes: 4 beats \* Half notes: 2 beats \* Quarter notes: 1 beat \* Eighth notes: 1/2 of a beat \* Sixteenth notes: 1/4 of a beat. Notice how whole notes have no stem, quarter notes don't have a hollow circle, and eighth notes have one hook while sixteenth notes have two. This notation system allows us to read sheet music with ease. As you begin your musical journey, remember that understanding note lengths is crucial for reading and playing music sheets accurately. With practice and patience, you'll be counting like a pro in no time! But what about 3/4 notes? Yes, they exist! However, instead of a dedicated symbol, we represent them using a dot. This dot is actually a dedicated symbol – it's a dotted half note with an upward stem. When added to any note, the dot increases its value by half. We can add dots to any note type: whole, half, quarter, eighth, or sixteenth. The dot adds half of the note's original value, changing its duration. For example, a whole note becomes 6 beats long when dotted, while a half note becomes 3 beats long, and so on. Rests also represent note durations, but they're the absence of sound rather than silence itself. We use rests to give instrumentalists a break from playing, no matter how short it is. Now that we've covered symbol durations, let's explore the staff – the 5 lines and spaces in sheet music that represent musical keys/pitches. Again, we see half notes cutting out just before the next note comes in, as their note length doesn't exceed two beats. You might notice a pattern developing here too. These are called half notes because one note fills two beats out of four! The image shows an eighth note, while one quarter note is worth two eighth notes, so it takes eight 1/8th notes to fill a bar of four beats. On our 4/4 time signature staff, we see eight notes that look like quarter notes joined together. 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