
5 THINGS TO HELP YOU START LEARNING PIANO

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Hey there! Thanks for downloading this guide.

I take it you're interested in learning how to play the piano and are figuring out the best way to begin your journey.

If so, I'm truly glad you're here. My hope is that what I share in this guide will help you jumpstart your learning with purpose and confidence—so that every time you sit down to play, it's not only fun but meaningful.

This guide outlines **5 key steps** that I believe will help you get started in the best way possible. If I had to go back and start all over again, this is exactly the approach I would take. Whether you're learning for enjoyment, creativity, therapy, or even to go pro—these principles apply across the board.

Thanks for letting me share them with you. Let's get started!

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1 — Ask Yourself: "**Why?**"

Most people rush to start something new without asking the most important question: **Why do I want to do this?**

Maybe piano's been on your bucket list for years. Maybe you saw someone play beautifully and thought, "*I want to do that.*" Or maybe you want to unwind, relieve stress, and experience something calming and personal.

Whatever your reason, define it.

Your *why* will guide your motivation and keep you anchored. It becomes the lens through which you measure progress and the reminder of what you're working toward.

Whether you're dreaming of playing for others or just for yourself—**let your "why" lead the way.**



2 — Be Inspired & Stay Motivated

Start by listening to the music you love. Your favorite artists, songs, or even genres will naturally shape your style. Without realizing it, you're already tuning your ear to rhythms, patterns, and sounds that you'll later recreate on the piano.

Want to take it up a notch? Watch seasoned piano players online—see how they move, how they play, how they express. Let yourself be curious: *How did they learn? What inspired them?*

Feeding your curiosity will fuel your motivation. This emotional connection to the music will keep you going, especially on the days when progress feels slow.



✓ 3 — Find the Right Piano or Keyboard

No, you don't need a grand piano to get started.

What you do need is **something you enjoy practicing on**. A full-size 88-key keyboard is ideal—but even a 61-key keyboard can get you going. There are plenty of options out there for every budget and lifestyle.

Alongside choosing your instrument, find a space in your home that feels inspiring. Set up a little corner that feels peaceful, comfortable, and inviting. The environment you learn in plays a bigger role than you think.

Looking for help picking a piano or keyboard?

 *Check out my recommended list here:*

[Digital Piano & Keyboard Recommendations](#)



4 – Learn at Your Own Pace

You don't need to rush, and you don't need to master everything in one week.

Instead, create a schedule that works for you. Online piano courses are a great option—they let you go at your own pace, revisit lessons anytime, and build consistency without pressure.

You'll get the best results when you stop comparing yourself to others and start tracking your own progress. Be patient, and enjoy the journey. Progress adds up quicker than you think.



5 — Learn with an Experienced Piano Coach

You can absolutely go it alone—but why not take advantage of a hybrid approach?

Learning from someone with experience, who's been through the beginner stage and knows what works, can dramatically shorten your learning curve. Even better, when you combine **self-paced learning** with **guided instruction**, you get the best of both worlds.

Online piano courses often include personal support, tips, and encouragement—all while saving time and cost compared to traditional lessons.

And lucky for you...



🎵 **Start Learning Piano Today!**

If this guide has resonated with you, and you're ready to take the next step—I'd love to be your virtual piano coach.

That's why I created Play Piano Now—a beginner-friendly online course designed to help you go from zero to confidently playing real music on the piano.

This is your chance to stop wishing and start learning—with a step-by-step path, clear instruction, and all the tools you need to stay motivated.

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No waitlist. No fluff. Just real piano progress.

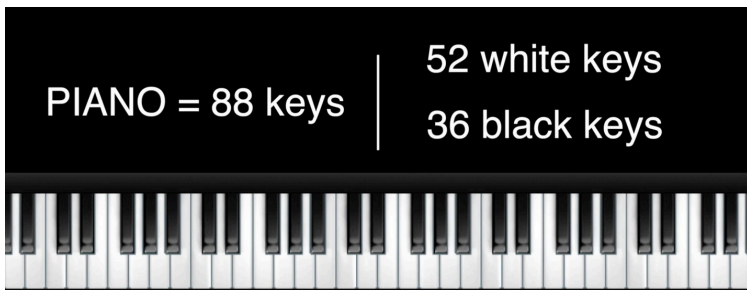
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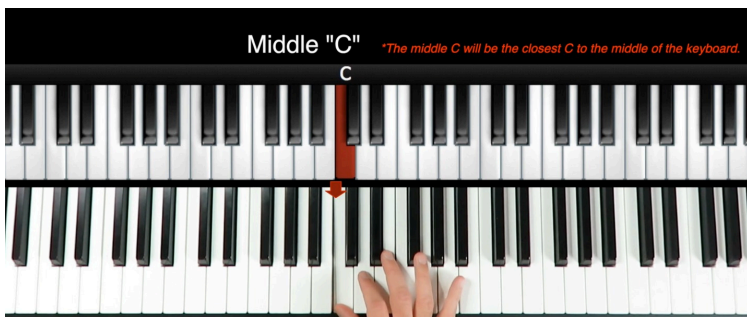
🎵 **Bonus Mini-Lesson:** The Piano Keyboard & Musical Alphabet

The 88 Keys

A standard piano has 88 keys—52 white and 36 black. But don't get overwhelmed. The keys are grouped in easy-to-recognize patterns.



Look for the middle C (roughly in the center of the keyboard).



From there, count up seven white keys: C → D → E → F → G → A → B

This 7-note pattern repeats itself across the entire keyboard.



Now, if you include both white and black keys, the full repeating group contains 12 notes.

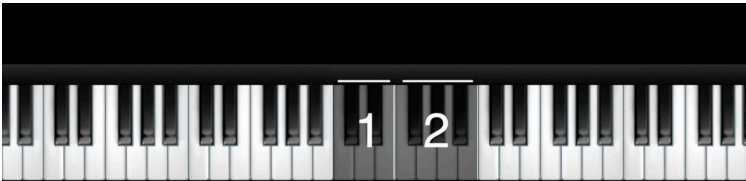


So instead of memorizing all 88 keys, you just need to understand these 12-note groupings.

Visual Groupings

You'll notice:

- A group of 2 black keys between 3 white keys
- Then a group of 3 black keys between 4 white keys



These patterns repeat across the keyboard and help you visually identify any note quickly.



The Musical Alphabet

The piano uses only 7 letters: **A - B - C - D - E - F - G**



Once you reach G, it starts back at A again—and this cycle repeats all the way up the keyboard.



This is called the **musical alphabet**, and just like the groupings of keys, it follows a predictable, repeating pattern across all 88 keys (or however many your keyboard has).

So once you know these letters and the layout, you can quickly recognize patterns across the entire keyboard—whether you're playing 49, 61, or 88 keys.

Wrapping Up

I hope this guide and mini-lesson gave you a helpful introduction to piano and how to start learning the right way.

Now that you've seen what's possible, I want to encourage you:

Don't just think about it—take action.

Piano is one of the most rewarding instruments you can learn. You don't need years of training to start making music—you just need the right roadmap.

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Here's to your new beginning in music.

Let your piano story begin!

– Dennis Miclau 

