



KEYBOARD BUYING CHEAT SHEET

What you really need to get started - without overspending

MY RECOMMENDATION A 61-key keyboard with full-size keys and at least 4-note polyphony. More is better.

LOOK FOR THESE

- 61 full-size keys
- At least 4-note polyphony
- Touch-sensitive keys (preferred)
- Built-in speakers
- Sustain pedal jack
- Headphone jack
- USB connection (helpful bonus)

DON'T PAY EXTRA FOR

- 88 weighted keys to begin
- Hundreds of instrument sounds
- Professional recording features
- A workstation keyboard
- The newest model available
- An expensive digital piano

SAVE MONEY: A USED KEYBOARD CAN BE A GREAT BUY

Check garage sales, estate sales, Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, pawn shops, thrift stores, local music stores, and friends or family. Before buying, test every key, confirm the speakers work, check the power adapter, and make sure several notes can sound at the same time.

**Remember: You're not trying to become a concert pianist.
You're adding piano to your musical toolbox.**