

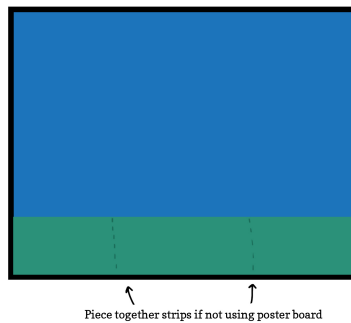
Practice Project 1: Autumn Leaves Poster

Supplies Needed:

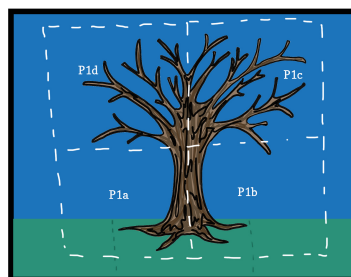
- One piece of blue or white poster board for the poster background
- Green or brown poster board, cardstock, or paper
- PDF: P1a-e – Autumn Tree and Leaves
- Scissors
- Glue
- Small envelope or re-sealable plastic bag in which to store paper leaves

Instructions for Constructing Autumn Leaves Poster:

1. Cut strip(s) of green or brown poster board, cardstock, or paper. Glue along the bottom of the edge of your poster to form the ground for your autumn scene, as pictured below.



2. Cut out the four tree pieces found on P1a-d. Glue together on the poster board as pictured to create the completed tree.



3. Cut out autumn leaves from P1e. (Optional: If you prefer, you may choose to cut your own leaves out of artificial fall foliage. Simply note that leaves of this type require an adhesive that is sturdier than classroom glue.) You may want to print extra copies of this page to have plenty of leaves ready for your poster.

Instructions for Implementing Autumn Leaves Poster Practice Project:

For this practice project, students will be earning leaves to make a beautiful fall tree. How beautiful can they make their class tree over the coming weeks?

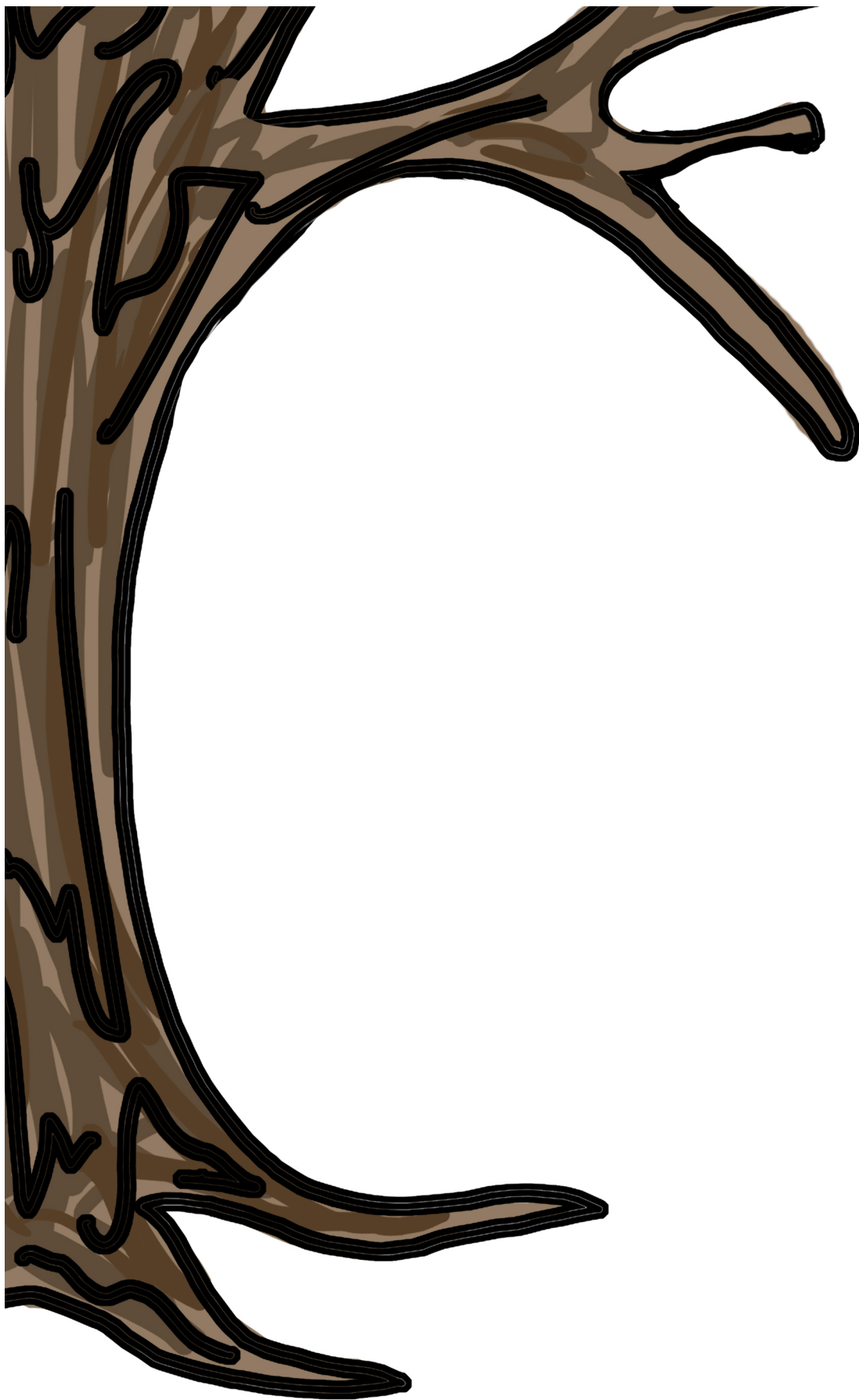
In order to add a leaf to the tree, a student must play each item on their assignment twelve times over the course of the week. Piano Detectives Club assignments encourage students to practice each item three times on four days. However, do not penalize students if their practice routines look differently while still yielding the required amount of practice. Award autumn leaves in this way:

- 4 days (or 12 times for each item): 1 leaf
- 5 days (or 15 times for each item): 2 leaves
- 6 days (or 18 times for each item): 3 leaves
- 7 days (or 21 times for each item): 4 leaves

Invite students to glue their leaves to the class poster wherever they choose. Celebrate your students' practicing achievements and the way that their efforts combine to make the tree fuller and more colorful. Be sure to praise their practice accomplishments with emphasis on much their practicing will positively impact their playing!







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