

Practice Project 3: Footprint Path

Supplies Needed:

- PDF: P3a - Footprints
- Colored printer paper
- Scissors
- Sticky tack, tape, or other removable adhesive

Instructions for Preparing Footprint Path Practice Project:

1. Print several pages of Footprints (P3a) on white or colored paper, and cut out each footprint.
2. Identify a place along the wall of your classroom for the footprint path to be located.

Instructions for Implementing Footprint Path Practice Project:

For this practice project, students will be building a footprint path on the wall of the classroom. How far will their path extend in the coming weeks?

In order to add a footprint to the poster, a student must play each item on the 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 footprints in this way:

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

Help students see how to create a left-foot, right-foot pattern in their footprint path. Invite students to attach their footprints to the wall using removable adhesive. Celebrate your students' practice achievements and the way that their efforts combine to create a longer and longer path. Be sure to praise their practice accomplishments with emphasis on how much their practice will positively impact their playing!

